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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Eggs are down—25 cents a dozen.

House thieves are working Christian county.

The Decatur Rifles, as an organization is no more.

We are requested to announce that about Feb. 15th the temperance campaign will be opened in Decatur with an address by Thomas Hardy, the noted lecturer.

With each set of harness bought of J. W. Tyler, jr., the purchaser will be presented with a pair of "collar couplers."

The owner of the Mt. Pulaski coal mine claims the discovery of a vein of coal seven feet in thickness. It was obtained thirty-eight feet below the one now being worked.

Decatur has a newly incorporated coal company. The capital stock is $100,000, and the incorporators are Andrew J. Wallace, L. L. Haworth and others.

A black mare was sold in Decatur at public auction Saturday, and all she brought was $1 25; but the machinery of the animal is out of tune, else she would not have been sold.

The latest about William Kinser, shot Sunday by his brother Harvey, at Janesville, in Coles county, is that he is yet alive but is thought to be in a critical condition.

Court is in session again and will now hold on tightly until the middle of February. Two weeks from Friday the criminal cases will be called up for trial.

The Danville *Daily News*, on Jan. 1, was made an eight-column paper and came out in an entire new dress, besides donning a new head. The *News* looks brighter and better than ever, and we with all its patrons wish it another and many prosperous years.

The dry goods merchants of the city have agreed upon the following hours for the closing of their stores hereafter, Saturdays excepted: From Jan. 1st to March 31st, at 6 o'clock; from April 1st to Aug 31st, 7 o'clock; from Sept. 1st to Dec. 16th, at 6 o'clock; Dec. 16th to Dec. 31, open every evening.

It is wise to provide against emergencies that are liable to arise in any family. A cold may be a dangerous thing, or not, depending upon the means at hand to combat it. In sudden attacks of cold, croup, asthma, etc., Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will prove the quickest and most effective cure, and your best friend. 31

The other day Officer Hartley called up a party and served a subpoena by telephone. He read every word on the paper, and the party at the other end of the wire listened patiently; and at the close he answered: "I'll come right off," and he did. Not every man would answer so quickly.

Any man who makes a disgraceful exhibition of his temper and violates the laws of his town and state, should not be too particular what the people may say about him. He ought to be thankful that he is not on the chain gang or that he isn't given a fight every day in the week.

Give Dr. Price's Special Flavoring Extracts a fair trial, and if they please you, recommend them to your neighbor; if not, return them and have your money refunded, and denounce them as vile impositions. We have no fears of your not being satisfied as their popularity and extensive sale has been from their perfect purity and quality.

Please note the fact that Linn & Scruggs do not advertise goods in season as well as out of season at panic prices, as is common with competitors, and proof of incompetency or knavery, and they are therefore the more entitled to the confidence of the public. They offer goods at the close of the season at greatly reduced prices. Jan 2-d&wtf

East Wood Street Item.

"Ma," said a precocious nine-year old boy, "I see that all the big girls are wearing a gold ring on the middle finger with a chunk of polished alum set in it. What does it mean, Ma?" "Why, it means that they are engaged." "Now, ma, if I will be a good boy all through the year 1884, will you get pa to give me seventy-five cents to buy a ring with an alum set in it for my girl? I mean the one I am mashed on—the one, you know, that I took home from the festival one night last week."

A New Office.

George W. Davidson, the "New Home" blue ribbon sewing machine dealer, took possession to-day of his new office with R. Gustin in "The Temple of Music," on Merchant street.

School Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

The Drohn Funeral.

The funeral of the late Charles Drohn, which took place from the German Lutheran church on Sunday afternoon was attended by a large number of our people who had known the deceased during his long sojourn in this city. The services were conducted by Rev. George Landgraf. Deceased was a member of the board of trustees of the church. He left property valued at $15,000 to $20,000. In his will he left the "Farmers' Restaurant" property, west side of square, to his widow so long as she remains his widow; a house and lot and a small tract of land he bequeathed to Mrs. Chris. Dickhoff, and he gave his unmarried daughter and son each a house and lot. The houses and lots are on North Jackson street, south of the Catholic church. The remains of the deceased were interred in Greenwood cemetery. There were eight pall-bearers: Messrs. H Post, John Blickle, Frank Plumer, Milt. Koegler, Frank Myer, Henry Myer, Mr. Lephardt and Mr. Passolt.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A Sad Mission.

This noon Mr. O. L. Griswold, of the hardware firm of Close, Griswold & Co, left for Albion, N. Y., to be present at the funeral of his father, Carleton C. Griswold, whose death occurred last evening at 5 o'clock, aged 78 years. The deceased was known to many of our people, as he had visited his son in Decatur at different times.

A Compliment.

By a unanimous vote of the members Comrade O. H. Kepley, special mustering officer for this district, was invited to go to Argenta last night and install the officers of the newly organized G. A. R. Post at that town. The Post also raised a neat sum to present Mr. Kepley, but he declined to accept it with many thanks. The officers were duly installed last night.

A New Teacher Secured.

Jacob Troutman states that the Seitz school in District No. 2 now has a new teacher in the person of Miss Osborne, of Decatur, who will succeed the bibulous W. G. Barnes. Mr. Troutman, who is one of the directors for the district, states that Miss Osborne will take charge of the school next Monday.

To All Their Friends.

Ferguson & Dillehunt, after wishing all their friends A Happy New Year, call the attention of the public to their new advertisement in to-day's paper, in which they set forth the merits of their goods, principally the superb stoves in which they have built up such a fine trade. If, after reading their new advertisement, you still want more information, go to their store and see for yourself. In any event, if you ever get inside their doors you will be sure to buy. That has been *our* experience.

From Tuesday's Daily.

New Year's Day Wedding.

The marriage of Mr. Milton Hughes and Miss Eola Zimmerman was solemnized this forenoon at 10 o'clock in the parlor of the Park Hotel, in the presence of members of the family and friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. P. Dimmitt, pastor of the First M. E. Church. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Zimmerman, and the groom is a tinner in the employ of Morehouse, Wells & Co. The couple will make their home in Decatur.

A Lecture.

On the evening of January 31, the last day of the annual encampment of the G. A. R. in Decatur, Mrs. A. Wittenmyer, who during the war was at the head of what was known as the "Diet Kitchens," will deliver one of her lectures at the tabernacle. She was a most useful hospital worker during the terrible struggle, and is a cultured christian lady.

Foul Play Feared.

William Elliott, a farmer living near Shelbyville, mysteriously disappeared Saturday night. He left the town to go home horseback. His horse reached home without a rider. Up to Sunday night Elliott had not been found, though a party was out all day looking for him. It is feared he has been foully dealt with.

A Deserved Promotion

A circular from Geo. L. Bradbury, vice president and general manager of the P., D. & E., under date of Jan. 1, 1884, announces that "Mr. O. W. Bell, master of transportation, for ability shown and meritorious service, is hereby promoted to be superintendent, and will assume his duties as such, with offices at Mattoon, Ill." Everybody will concede this to be a merited promotion.

He Killed His Father.

John Burris, a resident in the vicinity of Cooke Mill, seven miles north of Mattoon, died Saturday from the effects of being struck upon the head Friday night by a chair in the hands of his 18-year-old son. The family had engaged in a drunken row previous to the blow.

I. O. O. F.

Decatur Lodge, No. 65, installed the following officers last night:

John H. Mauzy, N. G.
James H. Martin, V. G.
J. C. Leighton, R. S.
John B. Fielder, F. S.
George Hunsley, Treas.

HE SHOT HIS BROTHER.

Attempt to Murder in Coles County Sunday Afternoon—A Woman the Cause.

Harvey Kinser, of Decatur, the Youthful Assailant.

From Monday's Daily.

The startling news reached Decatur Sunday night that at Janesville, in the edge of Coles county, 11 miles east of Charleston, Harvey Kinser, of Decatur, while intoxicated had shot his brother William T. Kinser, a potographer in the town of the attempted fratracide. The parents of the brothers, Mr. and Mrs. George Kinser, both aged and respected citizens, reside in a two-story frame dwelling at No. 745 North College street, at which place a Republican reporter called this morning and found the mother of the boys in deep sorrow, and hardly able to relate all she knew of the sad occurrence. Last evening the news was brought to her by Mr. Charles Newell, the operator at the Illinois Central telegraph office. It was to the effect simply that Harvey had shot William. A subsequent message gave fuller particulars. Harvey, who is the youngest of seven boys, and the baby of 10 living children, has been drinking hard for several months and was drunk when he shot his brother. He and William had engaged in a quarrel at the latter's home about a domestic matter, when Harvey grabbed a 32-calibre revolver and fired a bullet through William's breast above the heart, the ball going nearly through his body. The ball was extracted by surgeons and the victim was reported alive and resting moderately well to-day. After the shooting, the report is that Harvey advanced with a knife to assault his fallen brother; but he was disarmed and placed under arrest. He will have his trial as soon as the nature of William's injuries are determined.

THE CAUSE OF THE SHOOTING.

When questioned as to the probable cause of the strange conduct of Harvey, Mrs. Kinser, with tears streaming down her face, told the reporter that William's wife, who was a grass-widow named Lou. Shepherd, of Prairie City, Ill., was the cause of all the trouble. She lived in Decatur with her husband last summer and fall, and in October she tried to get Harvey to run away with her, and he would have done so had it not been for the interference of the mother of the boys. The couple went to Janesville the latter part of October, and Harvey, in obedience to a letter from William's wife, followed and has been there ever since. Mrs. Kinser is quite sure that the murderous assault grew out of the supposed intimacy existing between Harvey and the young wife. Harvey is a young man well known in this community. He was once employed as a general utility man at Linn & Scruggs' establishment, but after he commenced drinking hard his usefulness at this place terminated.

This forenoon Christ. Kinser, a brother of Harvey, left for Janesville, going by way of Pana. The affair is a sad one and will make a great deal of trouble for the family, if it does not result in the death of William, who is past 30 years of age. Harvey is 22.

"NOT GUILTY."

The jury in the Emma Bond case last evening brought in a verdict of "not guilty," and John C. Montgomery, Emanuel Clementi and Lee Pettis were discharged. The trial was in progress 21 days.

Two Horses Stolen

Thomas Miller, of Millersville, in Christian county, was in the city last evening trying to get on the track of a thief who on Monday night stole two 12-year old horses from Wm. M. Nicholson, one mile north of Rosemond, a town 16 miles southwest of Taylorville. One horse is a dark bay, 15 to 16 hands high, white hind feet, scar in forehead; the second horse has a light mane and tail, white spot on end of nose. Mr. Miller learned yesterday that the thief, who is described as a small man wearing a cap and light overcoat, was seen a few miles west of Blue Mound going north with the stolen horses.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the postoffice at Decatur, Macon county, Ill., for the week ending Jan. 1, 1884.

Austin Mrs H A	Lay Isaac
Allen Mrs Minnie	Myers Charley
Baker H B	Major E P
Bauer J G	Marlowe Thomas
Boucher C W	Orr Mrs Mollie
Bridenstein Elmer	Patterson Charley
Crowthers James	Parker John B
Conley John A	Popp Jacob
Cushman Rebecca	Pettus Lou
Cameron Wm	Rush Mrs Jerome
Daley Mrs B J 2	Ramsey Oliver
Dixon Henry	Rhyan W
Dunn J M	Sheppard Mrs Alice
Day John R	Shiner D C
Dickerson J D	Sanderson Mrs Henry
Downey Sanstie	Sawyer J A
Fox A G	Smith Mrs Sarah
Fletcher Eddie	Willis Byron
Forrester Richard	Wilson E S
Funk Wealie	Williams Mrs Elizabeth
Gardiner Mrs C W	Williams Mollie
Graybill Ollie	Wiggins Mollie
Giffin Mrs Nannie	White W N
Haven Herman	Yong Mrs Eady
Ketcham Wm	Yetter Chris
Lang & Allstatter Co	

Foreign—Widzgowski Frederick

R. P. LYTLE, P. M.

Attention, Farmers.

If you have got good, dry jack oak, white oak, or hickory wood, it will be to your interest to call on or address Geo. W. Ehrhart, office with A. M. Express, P. O. Block, Decatur Ill. j3w2

Died With the Old Year.

Decatur is now like all the other cities in the state, outside of Chicago—she has but one military company, the Decatur Rifles, Co. K., Illinois National Guard, having been formally disbanded last night at the tabernacle armory per order of Adjt. Gen. Elliott. There were about 30 members of the company present, and after they were put through the manual of arms by Captain Baker, he surprised the organization by reading the order from Elliott. The company is relieved from further service and all are honorably discharged. The captain will at once make out a report and forward it to headquarters. No reason is given for this complete surprise party, and the members of the company don't like it even a little bit. They have been regular at drills, and have ever been ready to respond to calls to go to the front and serve the state. When they got an order to meet to go to Belleville to help quell the riot, 45 men reported ready for duty. The captain says: "The Rifles were not much on dress parade, but they were always at the front for hard service and business." The original company was named the "Grenadiers," and was formed in September, 1877. Last October Capt. Baker sent in his resignation, but instead of accepting it, the order was written out to disband the company. The company flag was voted to Lieut. Col. Durfee, the snare-drum to Berry, and the bass drum to Hartley. Up to last night Decatur was the only town in the state, outside of Chicago, that had two military companies, and this was probably the chief and perhaps the only reason for disbanding one of our military organizations.

A New Coal Company.

Andrew J. Wallace and L. L. Haworth are the chief incorporators of the "Decatur Coal Company, Manufacturing and Mining," which has just been incorporated under the state laws, with a capital stock of $100,000. The company will organize in due form and elect officers. Mr. Wallace was seen to-day by a Republican reporter. He says it is not likely that anything will be done yet for several months, but they hope to sink a shaft at some point west of the city, either at or near the West Main street crossing of the St Louis division of the Wabash road, or at some point along the P., D. & E. road, north and west of the city. The company first desires the right to mine under not less than a section of land, and when they have been granted this right they will proceed at once to search for coal which they hope to find at a depth of not more than 500 feet. This enterprise is one which should receive the heartiest encouragement. Decatur cannot have too many mines. The more mines the merrier.

Robert Hudgen's Departure.

Robert Hudgen who has lived near Cerro Gordo ever since he was a little boy, has sold his property and Monday evening, the last day of the old year, he left for Fredonia, Kansas, where he has bought a farm of 200 acres, on which he will spend the remainder of his days. Before going he renewed his subscription to the Republican. He went around bidding his friends good-bye, and told a few that possibly he might meet with adversity on account of the dreadful grasshoppers. He told a reporter that in case the grasshoppers came and eat all his products, and make his knees and elbows naked, J. R. Race and Co. have agreed to send him a new suit of clothes; J. Y. Braden is to send hose for the family; Jason Rogers one bolt of prints; Fred Snyder some milk and butter; T. P. Matthews, of Cerro Gordo, one bolt of muslin; David Folrath shoes for the whole family, and D. J. Harlan underwear, &c.

Coming Amusements

Opera House

JANUARY.

Thursday and Friday 3rd and 4th, Decatur Conservatory concerts.

Tuesday 8th M. W. Hanley comedy company in Harrigan & Hart's big success "McSorley's Inflation."

Thursday 10th, lecture course.

Friday 11th Mr. Frank Mayo and company in his famous character of "Davy Crockett" one of the most wildely known and successful plays ever produced in America.

Saturday 12th, Gardiner's company in the pleasing comedy "A Diamond Mystery" or the Girl I love.

Monday 14th Mr. George C. Miln, supported by a very strong Shakespearan company in one of the legitimate plays, perhaps "The Fools Revenge."

Dandy Cutters.

Parties in the country wishing to purchase a stylish cutter at low figures should lose no time in calling upon D. F. Hamsher, this city. He has just received a fresh lot, all colors, and shapes. Buy one now. Get them cheap.

Artist Gruelle.

This well-known portrait painter is at present engaged in doing artistic work for Mayor Chambers, Mr. J. E. Bering and other well-known citizens. He is kept quite busy every day.

Go to J. W. Tyler's and buy a set of harness. He will give you a pair of collar couplers as a premium.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

How the Old Year Was Bidden "Good-Bye" in Decatur.

Watch Meetings, Balls, Parties and Festivities Generally.

From Tuesday's Daily.

1884.

This is the grand, glad new year—
A year to be glad in,
Not to be bad in;
A year to live in,
To gain and give in;
A year for trying,
And not for sighing;
A year for striving,
And hearty thriving;
A bright new year,
Oh hold it dear;
For God who sendeth,
He only lendeth.

WATCH MEETINGS.

The new year, 1884, was ushered in at 12 o'clock last night by the ringing of the church bells. At the First M. E. church several hundred people remained in the lecture room from 9 until after the old year passed away. Christian people in great numbers gave in their personal experiences while Rev. J. P. Dimmitt, the pastor, led in prayers and singing. When the bell announced the birth of the new year all knelt and the pastor and Miss Sargent prayed. The meeting was one of special interest and seemed to be greatly enjoyed by the church members present.

A similar service of prayer and song was held at the German Methodist church and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Schoenig. The attendance was large.

THE BAPTIST TREAT TREE.

The children of the Baptist Sabbath School got their Christmas treat last night, and all the members and plenty of big folks were on hand at the appointed hour. The little folks furnished the entertainment and they did right well. On the rostrum was the fruitful tree, and all about it were placed an abundance of gifts that Old Santa left on his rounds Christmas Eve. The exercises were conducted by E. A. Gastman, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Saxton, Mrs. James Freeman, Mr. Vosburgh, brother of the pastor, and Miss Mamie Freeman. The following programme was observed:

Singing, "Bringing in the Sheaves," by the School.

Recitation, "Hang up the Baby's Stocking," Little Effie Piatt.

Recitation, "Violets and Daisies," Little Ardie Wood.

Song, "Christmas Carols," Bennie Freeman.

Recitation, "A Fairy Tale," Gertie Wayne.

Song, "I care not for Riches."

Recitation, "O, dear! O, dear! Isn't it queer? Holiday comes but once a year," Louise Gastman.

Recitation, "My Dollie," Nellie Gray.

Song, "Lord, we come," Master Allerton Freeman.

Exercise by 12 lads, "Jesus Our Star."

Song, "There's Room Enough," by the "Fairy" and members of the primary class.

Recitation, "Blessed Old Santa Claus," Hattie Jenison.

The distribution of the gifts followed Miss Jenison's recitation. Contributions for the poor were placed upon a box. They made a big heap.

A GILT-EDGED BALL.

The first annual ball and reception given by Norman's barbers was given last evening in the armory, and it was in all respects a happy, gilt-edged party, over 100 couples engaging in the festivities of the occasion, which commenced at 9 o'clock and were kept up until nearly 3 this morning. The programme embraced 22 numbers, and included 13 round dances. Fully 200 tickets were sold at a dollar each, which speaks volumes for the popularity of the polite razor flourishers at Norman's. The party was splendidly managed by the committees—Messrs. George Hauss, Tom Naylor, Henry Monk, Fred L Liston, Will Ermentrout, J. W. Clymer, Walter H. Liston and O. D. Jennings, who were aided on the floor by Will Muzzy, John Mattes and J. M. Ehrman, the latter serving as prompter in which role he has few equals. The committeemen were decorated with elegant blue silk badges richly trimmed with glittering gold rosettes and bangles. Refreshments were had at the restaurants at intermission.

THE HENRY FLOOD PARTY.

The large three-story brick residence, lately erected by Mr. Henry Flood, the well-known farmer, eight miles north of Decatur on the Bloomington road, was dedicated last night in fine style by a fashionable social hop and New Year's Eve supper, fully 120 people partaking of the bountiful and tempting feast. The master of ceremonies was Mr. Henry Martin, who with Mr. Flood, saw that all had a happy time. Dancing was one of features of the reception, and was second only in interest to the magnificent feast. Prof. Leonard was prompter and he led the orchestra. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dunkel, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Harkrader, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Ivens, Mr. and Mrs. John Kainey, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. John Bricker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. James Hockaday, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. VanLeer, Mr. and Mrs Montgomery, Misses Anna Foulk, Beard, Minnie Russell, Jennie McKinley, Alice Bartlet, Ida Helmick, McCann, Del Bartlet, Stella Crossley, Mollie Hockaday, Lizzie McGuire, Nettie Shisler, Minnie Seabarger, Mollie Wikoff, Dollie McGuire, Grace Thrift, Carrie Benton, Mollie, Ida and Hala Bricker, Matrim, Ollie Yost, Mrs. Crown, Mrs. Ella Fuller, Messrs. S. McCann, Joseph Hockaday, B. B. Hockaday, Raymond Morse, Ed. McKinley, Charles Thrift, Walter Hankins, Douglas Thrift, Frank Benton, Hiram Morse, Mont Merker, Aswell Morse, Howard Batchelder, Ed. Lyons, W. T. Bricker, Ed. Shisler, Crawford, Grant Hockaday, John Baker, Alonzo Thrift, George Waggoner, Dan McCabe, and many others whose names our reporter failed to get.

VARIOUS PARTIES.

The Westerman brothers gave a pleasant party last evening at their home, No. 623 West William street, in honor of their friend and guest, Matt. Smith, of St. Louis, who departed for his home to-day. The company discussed a fine supper.

"A watch night party" was given last night at the home of Miss Emma Strohm, on West Prairie street, and it proved a joyous affair, closing with a supper at the midnight hour. The company present included Misses Florence Adams, Mamie Freeman, Laura Bowers, Cornie Cooper, Allie Bowers, Ada Boyd, Leah Fuller, and Messrs. Harry Lytle, Will Quinlan, Edgar Alexander, Henry Prather, Guy Parke, Tom McReynolds, Logan Phillips and Sherman McClelland.

A New Year party given at the home of Miss Adele Shellabarger, was attended by the Misses Jessie Stevens, Allie Priest, Belle Burrows, Frances Shellabarger, Austin Hartwell, Arthur Alexander, Bering Burrows, Ed. Judson and Frank Curtis. Refreshments were discussed. Not until after the New Year was ushered in did the company separate.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. W. Hill sold nearly all of his Plymouth Rock chicks to V. Barber.

Elder Davies held watch-night services at Pana. He got home last evening.

Eli Ulery and R. Scott, of Mt. Zion, watched the old year out in Decatur.

Miles McGonnigle, of the depot baggage room, is the proud father of a new baby.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Logan, on Dec. 31, a boy. There is no happier man in town to-day than Logan.

Frank Curran, who has disposed of his saloon to Philo Robinson and Jack Dayton, left for Chicago last night.

Mrs. Maggie Cassell, of Charleston, has mysteriously disappeared from her once happy home. Fears are entertained that she has destroyed herself.

Moral O'Banion, editor of the Cerro Gordo *News*, which is printed in Marcs, was in Decatur Saturday and paid the Republican a fraternal call.

J. E. Saxton is the new superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School. He succeeds E. A. Gastman, who has made a faithful and acceptable officer.

Wm. Pluck will put up two cottages on his vacant lots on the corner of Eldorado and Church streets next spring They will be for rent. Both will front north.

Joe V. Burroughs, of Moberly, Mo., who will return to that place this week, called last evening and renewed his subscription to the Republican.

Herman Weber is the name of the new teacher engaged by the Decatur Turners for a year. He comes from South Bend, Ind.

Misses Nellie and Nora Moore, of Indianapolis, who have been visiting the Scott family in Mt. Zion township, left for their home to-day at noon. They were at the New Deming last night.

Mrs. Ex Gov. Oglesby, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Hall, Mrs. John D. Gillett, Mrs. Robert B. Latham, Mrs. Frank Cottle, the Misses Latham and the Misses Gillett, received calls from 1 to 5 p. m. at her home at Lincoln yesterday.

Captain Schlosser, of Cerro Gordo, is in the city to-day attending court. He has brought suit against Decatur for alleged damages in the sum of $5,000 for injuries received from an alleged defective sidewalk.

Justice Corley visited Sullivan yesterday on business. People over there say the Lovington bank burst is a bad one, anywhere from $15,000 to $30,000 in the hole. Unless a party named Morrell can be made responsible the depositors will lose all their cash. Such is the talk.

John J. Smith, the printer, singer and poet, formerly of Decatur, has been heard from again. He is at Laclede, Mo, where he is now engaged in publishing the Laclede *Laconic*, a seven-column weekly paper.

Joe Wissen has a patent propelling attachment for a hand sled which looks like it ought to be a good thing. It is designed for the purpose of shoving a sled over ice or frozen snow. It can be done by the child seated on the sled and pulling on levers that do the business.

Mrs. Anne Wintenmyer, who is to lecture for the G. A. R. boys at the tabernacle on the 31st, was a delegate on the battlefield of Corinth. She was the first president of the National W. C. T. U. As a lecturer she has no peer in this country.

George Everline, formerly of Decatur, is now police judge, justice of the peace, notary public, insurance, claim and collection agent at Garnet, Kansas. Among his references in his business card are W. E. Nelson, Decatur, and R. J. Oglesby, Lincoln. He writes to renew his subscription to the Weekly Republican.

A New Year's Present.

Miss Mary Sparks, on New Year's day received a beautiful oil painting of herself, presented by "Uncle Dick," as Mary calls him. The painting was executed by our skillful artist, Mr. Richard Gruelle. Mary skipped and jumped, and "Uncle Dick" was happy.

600 Lady Visitors.

Mrs. M. B. Hall, of the Woman's Relief Corps, this city, is of the opinion that there will be fully 600 lady visitors here from all parts of the state, in attendance at the meeting of the Department Encampment of the Illinois G. A. R. posts, to be held here on the 30th and 31st. These ladies will meet to be present at the organization of the Illinois Corps department which is an adjunct of the G. A. R posts. Decatur ought to prepare for the accommodation of these ladies who will be in the city one night at least.

MARRIED.

At the parsonage of Stapp's Chapel, Jan. 1, 1884, by Rev. W. H. Webster, Mr. Isaac D. Litz and Miss Anna Gabriel, both of Decatur.

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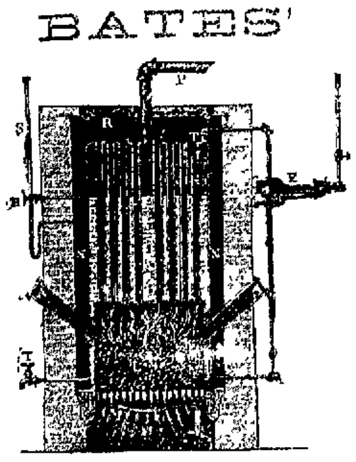

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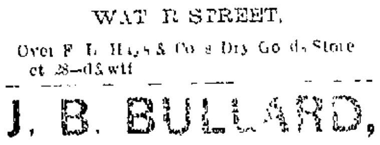

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—AND—

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Southwest Cor. of Old Square.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

March 2 1883 d&wtf

HENRY LYON,

DEALER IN

Choice Groceries

—AND—

PROVISIONS,

28 Merchant St.,

Where you will always find a stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries, which will be sold at prices as low as can be found anywhere.

WE ROAST AND GRIND OUR OWN COFFEE

COUNTRY PRODUCE

Of all kinds taken in exchange for goods. Decatur, Jan 27 1881-wtf

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BANKERS

—AND—

DEALERS IN EXCHANGE

MONEY TO LOAN

We have put in Safety Deposit Boxes for the use of those wishing a secure place for their Bonds, Mortgage Notes, Insurance Policies, &c.. March 17, 1881—wtf

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.

CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor,

South side of the Old Square, Decatur

Jan. 1, 1880—d&w

THE DECATUR

Steam Tile Co.

are now prepared to fill all orders, from

1,000 to 1,000,000

of the very best made and best burnt

TILE

IN THE STATE.

We have one of the largest and best equipped Tile Factories, running

TWO MACHINES AND EIGHT KILNS,

Turning Out Six and Seven Kilns of Tile Every Week.

WE MAKE ALL SIZES.

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12-inch

Our 10 and 12-inch cannot be beat. Come to our yard and see them.

Parties wanting to tile would do well to see us before purchasing, as we are confident we can sell them

Better Tile and for Less Money

than they can be bought for elsewhere. Address all orders,

DECATUR TILE CO.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS

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Blue Ribbon

MACHINE.

NEW HOME,

DAVIS,

AND OTHER SEWING MACHINES.

First Door East Christian Church

DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Aug 1883—d&wtf

Money to Loan

At Lower Rates than Ever.

Loans made payable in installments if desired. Also

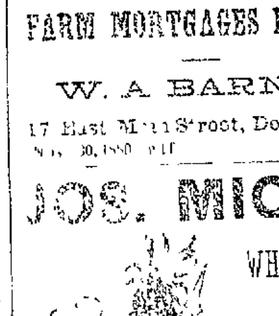
FARM MORTGAGES BOUGHT.

W. A. BARNES,

17 East Main Street, Decatur, Ill.

Nov. 30, 1880—wtf

JOS. MICHL,



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AND

RETAIL

DEALER IN

Cigars, Tobacco,

PIPES, SNUFF, ETC.,

NO: 12 WATER STREET,

DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

Manufacturer of the

'El Boquet,' "Belle of the West," "NILSSON" and "SELECT"

Brands of Cigars.

Having an experience of Thirty Years in the Cigar Business, retailers will find it to their interest to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. fn120'78wtf

RUDOLPH FAAS,

GUNSMITH!

Under Singer Machine Office, Opera Block. DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

GOOD STOCK OF GUNS,

NEW STOCK, LATEST PRICES,

(Cheaper than anywhere else in the city.)

GUN REPAIRING AND SEWING MACHINE REPAIRING PROMPTLY DONE.

All work warranted. Give me a call.

Dec 21, 1882—wtf

D. C. CORLEY,

ATTORNEY AT LAW

AND NOTARY PUBLIC.

Office over Hatch & Bro's Dry Goods Store, Room No. 9, East Main St., Decatur, Illinois. Will give strict attention to business. Apr26-d&wtf

The Matter of Wages

Detroit Post and Tribune

Walker's work on wages states that in 1630 the Government of Massachusetts fixed, by law, the wages of carpenters and masons at 2 shillings, or 33 cents per day—less than one-sixth of the present rates. Flour and grain were cheap, but clothes were not. Greeley wrote that "in Vermont for five years—1821-25—the wages of men in the Summer harvest were 50 cents a day. Food was cheaper and a day's work would buy as much bread and meat as now, but of cloth, sugar and store goods not half so much." To day workmen with good habits and economy are better off than in those days, or than at any time of free trade or an approach to it. Since 1825 England has changed from protection to free trade, and the United States has become more protective. But little improvement in wages or living has been made there, but with us wages have advanced more than expenses. Our course has been best for the workers.

LIFE INSURANCE companies all over the country have been greatly interested in a case that has been on trial for some days at Norwich, N. Y. Walter Dwight had been a man of wealth, but after losing his property and going through bankruptcy he effected insurance on his life amounting to $250,000, and shortly afterward died. The payment of a policy amounting to $15,000 was contested on various grounds, one of which was that the deceased was engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, another that he was affected with a pulmonary disease, and another that he committed suicide, any one of which would invalidate the policy. The defense took the ground that he effected this large amount of insurance on his life with intent to die and defraud the companies. After a trial lasting over thirty days, and a deliberation on the evidence of fifty-two hours, the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff, deciding all the questions of fact in her favor. The different insurance companies interested in the case have combined to carry the case to the United States Supreme Court

THE Manchester *Guardian*, a leading journal of England, and regarded as the organ of the cotton-spinners, a short time since, published an editorial on the recent free-trade demonstration in New York, in the course of which it says, the meeting alluded to was a spectacle which bears evidence of a rapid progress toward free trade in the commercial metropolis of the country, and regards it as a certain indication of a corresponding movement in other parts of the United States. This is regarded as evidence that the Democrats in the United States have the active sympathy and support of British manufacturers in their efforts to break down the tariff system, which has been found so efficacious in developing American industry and promoting the best interests of American labor.

IT is a fact—and we record it in all seriousness—that there is at least one man of business not a hundred miles from Chicago—a Sunday school superintendent at that, and claiming to be a man of intelligence—who was not aware until last Saturday night that the last Congress had reduced letter postage to 2 cents. When he was informed of the fact, he gravely remarked "Well, fact is, I never read the newspapers—they are so abominably wicked." It is a question whether abominable wickedness is worse than abominable ignorance. —*Chicago Journal*

MR. A NICHOLS, of this place, says he suffered from Catarrh for years. He purchased a bottle of Ely's Cream Balm of us. He is now almost cured, and says you cannot recommend it too highly. We are selling more of Ely's Cream Balm than of all other catarrh remedies, can hardly keep a supply on hand. EVERS BROS, Druggists, Independence, Iowa.

For 35 years I have been afflicted with Catarrh so that I have been confined to my room for two months at a time. I have tried all the humbugs in hopes of relief, but with no success until I met with an old friend who had used Ely's Cream Balm and advised me to try it. I procured a bottle and from the first application I found relief. It is the best remedy I have ever tried. W. C. MATHEWS, Justice of the Peace, Shanandoah, Iowa. d26d&w2w

IT is given out in Indiana, apparently by authority, that Postmaster General Gresham will not allow his name to be used in connection with the Governorship, but that his friends will present him as a candidate for Vice President on the ticket with President Arthur, and that in the event of Arthur's failure to secure the nomination, they will push him for the first place, hoping to secure the Administration strength for him over any other aspirant

"MA," said a thoughtful boy, "I don't think that Solomon was so rich as they say he was." "Why, my dear?" "Because the Bible says he slept with his fathers, and if he had been so rich, he would have had a bed of his own."

FINE Slippers: Christmas Present—J W. Baker.

Figures Worth Studying.

From the Southern Tradesman.

Some time back the glass manufacturers of the United States slacked off production. There were strikes and lockouts. At once the French makers of common glass advanced prices ten per cent. Soon after nearly all our factories closed and the Frenchmen sent up prices 10 per cent. higher still. Were our factories destroyed and a monopoly of the trade secured to the French they would speedily double the quotations prevalent here and fixed by our producers, and keep them there for an indefinite period.

In 1868, Scotch foundry iron at our seaboard was sold at from $38 to $40 per ton. Scotland then had a monopoly of the world's supply of iron fit to make good stove plate and many other of the finer castings on which smooth surfaces were required Now the same iron goes begging at New York at $20 per ton

Dealers in woolen goods tell us that all kinds of woolen articles, especially underwear for men, women and children, are 50 per cent cheaper than they were two years ago

Steel rails have gone from $152 per ton to $35 in fifteen years

Still we are told by the able free-traders that consumers pay 40 per cent. to manufacturers of glass, 50 per cent. to furnace men, 80 per cent. to owners of woolen mills, and from $17 to $28 per ton to producers of steel rails.

Thus do the eminent self styled revenue reformers ignore the facts of history, and set their assertions instead.

They are quite oblivious to the fact that England brought herself to a position to make free trade in raw materials and food profitable by 200 years of protection, that amounted to exclusion of foreign productions of skill.

They pass by the patent fact that in twenty years protection has enabled our factories to sell their fine prints, towelings, blankets and many other cotton articles in London and other large market centers in England

They don't seem to know that we imported $37,000,000 worth of cotton goods in the fiscal year ended last June; nor that all the protection afforded does not exclude competition of English iron and steel with our makers in our home market

Going to Kansas.

The excursion to Kansas, and south-eastern Kansas—Independence, Wellington, Harper and Witchita will be accompanied by Thos. Pennìwell, over the P. D & E. road and connections, on Thursday, Jan. 10, 881. Land exploring tickets, good for 40 days, now on sale at the P D. & E. office. An excursion to Nebraska will be accompanied by N. Allison, land agent, U. P. R. R, who is well posted in Nebraska lands, and will take pleasure in answering all inquires. Apply at once for full information to Thos. Penniwell, passenger and excursion agent. Office with A. M. Werner at American Express Office, Post office block 21d&wtd

PRESIDENT ARTHUR is winning a great many pleasant compliments as a public speaker on occasions of interest and importance. His speeches are never long, and never labored or pretentious, but always graceful, genial and pertinent. Very few of our public men have such a happy faculty of saying just enough and no more, and saying it in such a polished manner.

A LITTLE boy was asked if he studied hard. "Well," he replied, "I don't hurt myself at all." "But if you don't study hard you will never be President," said his questioner. "Naw," returned the boy; "I don't expecter be; I'm a Demycrat."—*Toledo Blade.*

AN old lady who went to see the Christmas "racket" on the New York Stock Exchange laughed so hard that she dropped her false teeth out of her mouth over the gallery upon the sky larking brokers below.

Griggs' Glycerine Salve.

The best on earth, can truly be said of Griggs' Glycerine Salve, which is a sure cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds, and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Only 25 cents. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner, physician and druggist, 14 south side new square, Decatur, Ill. may19-d&wlyr

FINE slippers: Christmas present—J. W. Baker.

"THE Old Dominion Buck Gloves," the best in the world, to be had only of Linn & Scruggs. oct5-d&wtf

CUSTOM made clothing at manufacturer's prices, at Cheap Charley's. tf

ORDER your hard coal from F. D. Caldwell. P. O. Block. [oc17dtf

FINE Slippers: Christmas present—J. W. Baker.

SHELLABARGER'S patent process flour saves one-half the labor in baking, and will make more bread to the pound than any other flour sold here. dec18d&wtf

HATS of all the leading styles are to be had at CHEAP CHARLEY'S. tf

A LARGE variety of Holiday goods can be found at Cheap Charley's. tf

DON'T BE FOOLED

By the flowing advertisements in regard to the "GREAT REDUCTIONS," (cost and less than cost.) These are only BAITS. But go where goods are sold at the right price. BARGAINS EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR. By purchasing goods in large quantities we buy them so cheap that we can sell you

OVERCOATS, SUITS, HATS, CAPS, &c.,

at prices less than others with their cuts and reductions. The proof of this is by the "Rush of Trade" we have when the cry is "Awful Dull." Good goods at the right price tells the tale.

HOLIDAY NOVELTIES.

We never were so well "fixed" to give you a large assortment to select from as now. Constantly receiving the latest things in NECKWEAR, Fancy Imported VELVETS, Plush and Silk SCARFS, largest line of Silk and Linen HANDKERCHIEFS in the city, MUFFLERS, SUSPENDERS, SCARF PINS, CUFF BUTTONS, lined KID GLOVES and MITTENS. These goods were selected with care and will be sold at prices cheaper than you ever saw them.

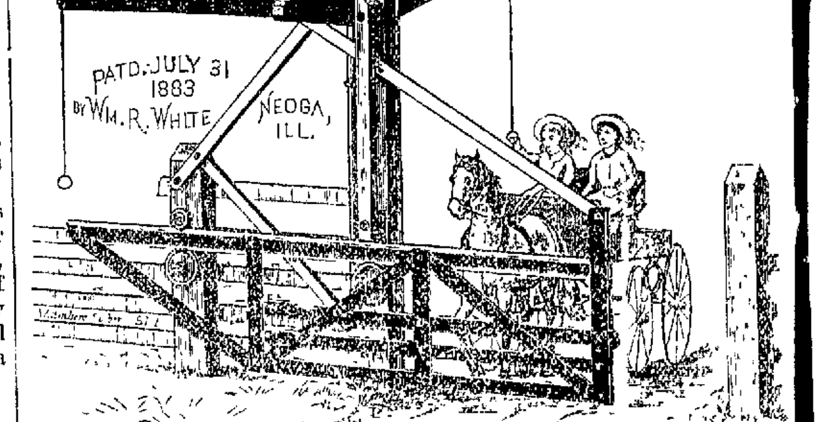
☞ If you want a STYLISH SUIT made go to J. R. Race & Co.'s.

COME, COME TO

J. R. RACE & CO.

129 to 135 Water Street.

Dec. 12—d&wtf



The above New Farm Gate, just patented by the inventor, being his tenth invention, six of which are on gates, meets the universal approval of all who use gates, and is the product of his own mind. Seeing the imperfections of his farm gates, as well as other patent gates, which take up much ground and cost so much as to keep them out of general use, he has struck the plan at last. Its merits are beyond question superior to all patent gates, and its selling quality is one of the best proofs of its great merit. It surpasses all the gates at St Louis, Indianapolis, and all places where exhibited.

Its merits are, first, Simplicity; second, Durability; third, Cheapness; fourth, Convenience; fifth, Takes up no Room; sixth, Can be Opened and Closed from either side; seventh, Does Not Pull Post Over; eighth, No Latch, Pin or Hooks; ninth, the Gate Makes its Own Lock or Fastening, a part of the gate making the lock; No mortices, no tenons, no wire, no springs, no ropes, no hinges; can be opened with one finger from wagons, buggies, loads of hay, on horseback, on foot, or in any other way desired yet it makes a solid lock, and what more do you want?

Forty years ago drive gates were not in much demand, but as most all have buggies nowadays, it makes them in great demand. It is a blessing to old people, to cripples, to those who are clumsy and heavy, that they can drive into the barn or wood-yard without dismounting, and all these conveniences make my gate sell, as it is the cheapest gate which has all the above advantages. This makes counties and states very valuable, and I do affirm that $2,000 worth can be sold in a single county, judging by the way it is already selling. I am selling cheap, and men are buying two and three times. Will give bargains on states and several counties. If you have not got a business that is making you a fortune, write and see how you can get a state or a bunch of counties. I allow no man to be more fair in his dealings than myself. I keep gate irons, and am responsible for my contracts, for which I refer you to the Neoga Bank, Postmaster or Circuit Clerk. So if you send notes or money for counties you will get deeds for them or money refunded.

Respectfully yours, WM. R. WHITE, Sole Patentee,

Now at Decatur, Ill., at Drake's Hotel. OF NEOGA, ILL.

Dec. 24—d1w w1mo

I. D. WALKER. W. I. WALKER

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Office in J. Millikin's bank building, up-stairs. Chancery and Civil Business solicited, and Collections made in any part of the United States. june9-d&wly

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DR. J. M. BLYTHE,

DENTIST

Office over F. L. Hays & Co.'s, Water street, Decatur, Illinois. marl'83-d&w

BUNN & PARK, (D. L. Bunn, Edwin Park)

ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

Office No. 14 East Main street, up-stairs, Decatur, Illinois.

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The following… Cleveland will b… interest by many…

On Christmas… tis, of this city, l… a steamer for E… Mr. James H. H… Harris to Euro… him late Monda… his sister, Mrs. … Y., had been sh… was dying at H… ticulars are mea… shooting, but it… not accidental, a… fired in a fit of… Rathbones are … family, of the hi… State, and have… time on the cont… lady is a daught… of New York, an… will create a sad…

Major Henry… spoken of, was … ris, and he and… unmarried) were… at Ford's Thea… President and … Lincoln was assa… Decatur when h… and Capt. Ira H…

Sheriff F…

"Kate," Sherif… mare, died Wedn… at the rear of th… ful mare, which… highly, was affli… ble, and though… could for her, sh… time after she w… sheriff is witho… kingdom at han… another.

MA…

At the residen… Whitmore town… Rev. O. B. Hust… of Maro, and … daughter of Dan…

At her home, i… day morning, De… kd wife of G. M… and 11 months.

In this city at… West Jefferson… 11:30 p. m., of… JESSE R., son of… land, aged 4 mo…

Men, … Seasonable H… and Shapes, at F… tf

FINE Slipper… W. Baker.

Stine's … His new line of … tf

SCHOOL Shoes…

LEADING style… dealing, are lead… tf

SCHOOL Shoes…

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JOHN IRWIN'S

SECOND ANNUAL

GREAT GIVE-AWAY SALE!

Regardless of Cost!

Will Commence This Day

And continue until all Winter Goods are disposed of. Call at the

WHITE FRONT

—FOR—

BIG BARGAINS.

Shot By Her Husband.

The following special dispatch from Cleveland will be read with melancholy interest by many Decatur people:

On Christmas Day Colonel W. H. Harris, of this city, left for New York to take a steamer for Europe, accompanied by Mr. James H. Hoyt. Sad news calls Mr. Harris to Europe. A telegram reached him late Monday night announcing that his sister, Mrs. Rathbone, of Albany, N. Y., had been shot by her husband, and was dying at Hanover, Germany. Particulars are meager as to the cause of the shooting, but it is reported that it was not accidental, and it is said the shot was fired in a fit of temporary insanity. The Rathbones are a prominent and wealthy family, of the highest circles in New York State, and have been traveling for some time on the continent. The unfortunate lady is a daughter of Senator Ira Harris, of New York, and the news of her death will create a sad sensation.

Major Henry Rathbone, the husband spoken of, was a step-son of Senator Harris, and he and his wife (they were then unmarried) were the occupants of the box at Ford's Theater at Washington, with President and Mrs. Lincoln, when Mr. Lincoln was assassinated. Mrs. R. visited Decatur when her brothers, Col. W. H. and Capt. Ira Harris resided here.

Sheriff Foster Loses $200.

"Kate," Sheriff Foster's $200 roadster mare, died Wednesday night in her stable at the rear of the county jail. The faithful mare, which the Sheriff prized very highly, was afflicted with a kidney trouble, and though the owner did all he could for her, she expired within a short time after she was taken sick. Now the sheriff is without a horse, and he has no kingdom at hand just now to offer for another.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father in Whitmore township, Dec. 27, 1883, by Rev. O. B. Huston, MR. D. J. MCALISTER, of Maroa, and MISS BARBARA A. GOOD, daughter of Daniel Good, Esq., of Oreana.

DIED.

At her home, in Niantic, Ill., on Saturday morning, Dec. 22, 1883, KATIE, beloved wife of G. M. Danley, aged 21 years and 11 months.

In the city at the family residence 329 West Jefferson street, Dec. 28, 1883, at 11:30 p. m., of tubercular meningitis, Jesse R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ringland, aged 4 months and 4 days.

Men, Boys, Children!

Seasonable Hats and Caps, all Styles and Shapes, at Fleury's, the French Cutter. tf

FINE Slippers: Christmas present—J. W. Baker.

Stine's Surprise Party—

His new line of latest styles of neckwear. tf

SCHOOL Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

LEADING styles, low prices, and square dealing, are leaders with Cheap Charley. tf

SCHOOL Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

Earth to Earth.

The remains of Zacharia E. Elkin were buried yesterday from St. Paul's Episcopal church. The attendance of friends and relatives was very large. At the grave the beautiful Masonic burial ceremony was performed, Past Master Wm. Lavely officiating, assisted by Past Master Zimri Enos. At the conclusion of the service, the friends slowly and reluctantly left the cemetery, leaving their brother to sleep that sleep which shall only be broken by the Archangel's trumpet. Mr. Elkin has passed the last years of his life in California and Idaho. He had by successful mining operations accumulated a large fortune. His three brothers, Thomas C., Garrett and Wm. F. Elkin, reside in this city.—*Springfield Journal, 27th.*

Mrs. E. A. Jones, sister of the deceased, her husband and daughters, of Decatur, were present at the burial.

The Executive Committee.

The following members of Dunham Post No. 141 G. A. R. have been appointed as an Executive committee to arrange for the Department Encampment to be held in this city, Jan. 30 and 31, 1881:

Geo. R. Steele,	Cy. M. Imboden,
Edwin Philbrook,	R. P. Lytle,
Geo. S. Durfee,	W. H. Shorb,
C. H. Fuller,	J. M. Blythe,
S. T. Trowbridge,	D. M. Berlin,
F. M. Cox.	

The committee was formally organized Thursday evening, Dec. 27, 1883, in the City Clerk's office, by electing Geo. R. Steele, Chairman, and Chas. H. Fuller, Secretary.

Christmas is Coming.

Barber & Baker have the finest line of Christmas Slippers ever brought to Decatur, and for the least money. Call and get a pair and make some one happy.

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What Next?

Over at Danville the people are not satisfied with stoves in the street cars. They also want blankets on the seats. That community takes the creamery for gall.

Cloaks, Dolmans, Etc.

Cloaks, dolmans, paletots, Russian circulars, and satin circulars, in full and complete variety in all sizes, and in styles and quality equal to the best in the market. We offer them, one and all, at about manufacturers' prices. We have but a few of last year's garments left, but show hundreds of handsome, new, fresh, this season's garments. Dont miss the opportunity.

18 CHEAP STORE.

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TAPISSIER FRERES' GREASE PROOF SILK.

The London *Queen* and London *Weldon's Journal* say:

This silk gives every satisfaction, both as to richness, durability and price, it being a special make, free from deleterious compositions.

Messrs. Tappissier Freres will replace any length complained of as not fulfilling the advantages claimed. Demand with each purchase the blue ticket guaranteeing wear. For sale by

LINN & SCRUGGS.

Oct. 2-d&wtf

BOYS' flannel waists at Stine's. tf

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

LOOK out for the collectors next month.

STILL in the field—J. W. Tyler, jr., the live harness dealer.

THERE are 27 prisoners in the county jail. A few of them are "city pets."

THE best of harness, all in style and serviceable, at the shop of J. W. Tyler, jr.

THOSE bisque figures on sale at Armstrong's drug store are the loveliest you ever saw.

A NEW green grocery has been opened at No. 774 East William street, by J. C. Williams. It is in a good location, and Mr. W. ought to do a good business.

THE Decatur firemen are thankful to the coffin factory firm for that $50 Christmas gift.

ALL kinds of gent's wear at B. Stine's. tf

THE "Our Drug Store" drawing will occur Saturday, Jan. 5th.

LADIES' Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

SCHOOL Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

LADIES' Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

EXCELSIOR DIARIES for 1884, and the Lancaster Almanac, at the City Book Store. 29-d&w1w

MEN'S, Women's and Children's Arctic Overshoes, at BARBER & BAKER'S.

DO NOT suffer with cold, you can by a suit of underwear at John Irwin's White Front, for 75 cents. d28d&wtf

AN elegant assortment of gent's fine embroidered night shirts at B. Stine's. tf

BUDWEISER BEER on draught at Riebsamen's Globe Saloon, on East Main st. Dec. 22-d1w w4

LADIES' Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

FINE Slippers: Christmas present—J. W. Baker.

LADIES' Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

THE best horse blankets for the money you ever saw for sale at J. W. Tyler, jr.'s shop.

LADIES' Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

THE Hungarian system of milling by Geo. Priest & Co., full and complete in all its details, makes the best flour ever sold in the city. Prices as low as any. April 10-d&wtf

DECATUR in 1870 furnished accommodations for 12,000 strangers three days. The latter part of January will bring another test of her hospitality. The G. A. R. boys will be here in great numbers. Decatur will easily entertain all who come. Don't stay away.

FOR perfect fitting clothing go and see Cheap Charley. tf

CUSTOMERS have endorsed it; and thereby renders it unnecessary to occupy much space in presenting the claims of the superiority of Priest & Co.'s flour. April 10-d&wtf

FLEURY: the French Cutter, has added fifty rare coins to his already superb collection. You can see them in his window, corner old square. tf

J. W. TYLER, the harness maker, south side City Park, will give the neatest and best "collar coupling" in the world with every set of harness purchased at his establishment.

PLEASE note the fact that Linn & Scruggs *do not* advertise goods in season as well as out of season at PANIC PRICES, which in all cases may be taken as proof of incompetency or knavery, and they are therefore more entitled to the confidence of the people. d29-d&wtf

PERHAPS an experienced hotel man and his wife will come here from Circleville, Ohio, and take charge of the Hotel Brunswick, which is now about ready to be opened. It will take $3,000 to $4,000 to furnish it in proper style. The owner, Justice Curtis, will occupy part of the hotel.

IT would be well for housekeepers to know that Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is free from Alum, Ammonia and other objectional drugs, hence the purest and most economical. Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is beyond all question the best and most perfect of anything in the market. To insure certainty, buy it only in cans.

THE marriage of William Ernest, of Homer, and Miss Louisa Love took place at the African Methodist church, this city, on the evening of the 27th, Rev. Simon officiating. Yesterday the couple left for Homer, near which place they will reside on a farm. The bride is a daughter of James Love, at whose home on Malone street a brilliant reception was held the evening of the wedding.

$20 to Shiloh.

The Decatur G. A. R. band will go to the battlefield of Shiloh with the Illinois delegation in April next, and furnish music for the boys who fought on that historical battlefield. April 6th next will be the 22d anniversary of the battle, and a grand excursion train from Peoria over the P., D. & E. road will pass through Decatur on April 3d, patrons of the enterprise connecting with a steamer at Evansville. All excursionists will arrive at Pittsburg Landing April 6th, and remain on battlefield two days, the whole trip to consume seven days. Round trip fare from Decatur $20.

GOOD accommodations at the Fountain Hotel, southeast corner of the Park.

JESSE DIVAN, Proprietor.

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The Niantic Strike

Is ended, and everybody can get all the coal they want of the justly celebrated Niantic Coal Co. at the old price, $1.75 per ton, at the mine. Those who try it once cannot do without it. d20-w4

DEATH FROM NATURAL CAUSES.

Verdict of the Jury at the Rev. John Ritter Inquest at Boody.

From Friday's Daily.

Coroner Bendure went to Boody last evening to investigate the mysterious death of Rev. John Ritter, who expired suddenly at his home Wednesday evening. The coroner was sent for to come out and hold the inquest, as it was believed that the aged minister had taken poison. He left a brief note which led to this conclusion, which caused considerable comment both in Blue Mound township and this city. Dr. DeMont F Morenzy, of Boody, testified at the inquest that he had visited deceased at 1 p. m. of the day he died, and found him suffering from apoplexy. He had long suffered with heart disease. There were no symptoms apparent that he had taken poison, and believe death resulted from apoplexy. Maggie Ritter, wife of the deceased, testified that she left home at 8:30 a. m. and did not see her husband again until 1 p. m., when she found him in the condition described by the doctor. A physician at Quincy had told Ritter that he should give up preaching, for he was worn out and likely to die at any time. Mrs. Ritter was corroborated in this last statement by Christian Schwab, who washed the deceased after his death. John S. Ritter, son of the deceased, stated that his father had been in feeble health. He had often been troubled with violent palpitation of the heart.

THE VERDICT.

The jury returned the following verdict:

In the matter of the inquisition on the body of the Rev. John Ritter, deceased, held at his residence on the 27th day of December, 7:45 o'clock p. m., A. D., 1883, we, the undersigned jurors, sworn to inquire of the death of Rev. John Ritter, on oath do find that he came to his death by paralysis, induced by heart and kidney disease and a generally broken down constitution.

H. PLOTNER,
CHRISTIAN SCHWAB,
FREDERICK NIENTKEB,
ALVIN EVANS,
J. J. EVANS,
DR. DEMONT MORENZY.

The scores of acquaintances of the deceased will be gratified to learn that his death resulted from natural causes. He was a man well liked by everybody. The burial will take place Saturday afternoon.

THAT NOTE.

The following is a verbatim copy of the note written by the deceased:

"I have I have taken a dose of morphine. No one to blame. JOHN RITTER."

It was written on a faded piece of paper which was found in deceased's pocket-book. It looked as if it had been written many years ago, and not recently.

The deceased lived in Decatur 25 years ago, when he did the pioneer preaching for the Germans in this community. He has preached at various places in the German Methodist conference, and lately was in charge of the Second church, at Quincy, Illinois. On account of bad health he resigned less than a year ago, sence which time he has been at his home in this county. He paid Decatur a visit a few weeks since, and spoke of feeling badly. Five years ago he accidently injured his spine by being struck with a piece of timber, and of late he believed he was afflicted with heart disease. He was familiarly known by his many friends as "Uncle Johnny," and his sad end will be both a surprise and the cause of sincere regret in all parts of the state where he was known. His age was about 60 years.

The Collector's Office.

The official bond of Mr. J. C. Carter, the collector of taxes for Decatur township, is $250,000. He is getting ready to call upon property owners. He will open his office within two weeks in the front room over Henry Smith's drug store, at No. 139 North Water street. This is a central location, and those hungry to pay their taxes cannot well miss finding it.

A Decatur Man Ahead.

Mr. C. N. Cass, formerly a resident of Decatur, has been prospering since he located near Sutherland, in O'Brien county, as witness the following taken from the Sutherland *Courier*:

Last Saturday Mr. C. N Cass sold the south half of section 25, Highland township, where he resides, to John Jessup, of Kankakee county, Illinois, for $7,000 or $21.87½ per acre. While it was a good farm for the money it has proved to be a paying investment for Mr. Cass, who bought it two or three years ago for less than half that amount, though he has added considerable to it by way of improvements. He will soon commence building on his 160-acre tract near town and will move on the same. Mr. Jessup will take possession next March.

When Mr. Cass went to Iowa he was in very bad health, but he is now well and hearty.

Madame Davis Fined.

This forenoon Sheriff Foster visited "Idlewild" and arrested the boss, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Davis, on a bench warrant. She was indicted for keeping a house of ill-fame. She was brought before Judge Wilkin at noon, and pleading guilty to the charge, she was fined $200 and costs. She paid the fine and was discharged.

From Saturday's Daily.

Paralyzed

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Fuller left for Jackson, Michigan, last night, to be absent an indefinite period. The trip is made for the benefit of Mrs. Fuller, a part of whose body has been paralyzed for some time. Her condition, is such that she is unable to speak.

Keep Warm.

You can buy a good overcoat at John Irwin's White Front for $2.50. Dec. 28, d&wtf

SCHOOL Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

From Friday's Daily.

A Fire at Maroa.

At six o'clock this morning the grain office near the Emery & Compton elevator at Maroa, was discovered on fire. The alarm was sounded and out came the volunteer department with the Babcock extinguisher on wheels which was used with good effect in putting out the fire speedily. The building is a frame, 14x30, two rooms. The interior of both rooms was burnt out, together with a lot of miscellaneous papers. Damage about $500; no insurance. There was no fire left in the office stove last night and it is supposed that the fire was caused either by mice nibbling at matches that may have been left on the floor among papers, or that the lamp was not extinguished last evening, the accumulating gas in the close room causing an explosion. The lamp is yet missing. The fire caused great excitement in the town. The property is owned by Emery & Compton, who feel grateful to the red jackets for their prompt and effective work.

The Christian College.

President Allen informs us that a meeting of the board of trustees of the Eureka College will be held on Tuesday next, when the question of securing a new location for the institution will be considered. There are ten members of the board who live at Eureka and fourteen reside in different parts of the state. The board will look at the question in a business way, and if they find it to the interest of the college to leave Eureka, they will surely decide in favor of Decatur, for many of the members are already favorably impressed with the advantages this central point will give it. The people of Eureka, which town has a population of 1,500, are stirring themselves, and hope to raise $20,000 to $25,000 to retain the college, but it is not likely that that sum will be secured as the people of the community have given up about all they can afford toward building up the institution. If Decatur wants the college she can get it without doubt, if about $35,000 and a campus of 10 acres are put up as a lodestone.

The Decatur Relief Corps.

Mrs. M. B. Hall is in receipt of a letter from Kate B. Sherwood, chief mustering officer Dept. of Ohio, with reference to the formation of an Illinois department of the relief corps. There is no such department in this state, though there are plenty of auxiliaries, and Miss Sherwood writes Mrs. Hall that she will be in Decatur Jan. 30 and 31, at the time of the Department Encampment, and organize the corps department for this state. Consequently there will be a large number of soldiers' widows, wives and daughters, as well as thousands of G. A. R. boys themselves here next month. Mrs. Hall is also in receipt of the *National Tribune*, Washington, which in its G. A. R. department contains the following paragraph of local interest. Says the *Tribune:*

"Among the members of the new Relief Corps, Decatur, Ill., are Mrs. Gen. Pugh; Mrs. Gen. Moore, wife of the Hon. Jesse H. Moore, late American consul to Callao, and Mrs Myra Green, a pensioner of the war of 1812, aged 88 years. Our National secretary well says: 'Our work must prosper with the benediction of a patriot mother, such as this.'"

It Is Going the Rounds.

Such paragraphs as the following are going the rounds of the press, and one similar to this giving the names of the parties found its way without pictures in one of the illustrated sporting papers of New York City:

Two hunting parties from Decatur, consisting altogether of seventeen gentlemen, went to Arkansas county, Arkansas, to hunt deer. They were met at the threshold of their experience there by the sheriff, who extorted from each man $14 before the hunt could proceed. They brought home lots of experience and ten deer.

The worst of it is, the statement is correct. It is tough on the hunters, but it will prove far more damaging to Arkansas, and to the companies whose railroads pass through that state.

A Christmas Casualty.

One of our most popular citizens was out sleigh-riding Christmas day with a handsome young widow, driving a high blooded horse to a new cutter. As they were passing through a section of country thinly settled but thickly stumped, and while the citizen was giving more attention to the widow than to the horse, the cutter struck a stump and suddenly dumped the happy pair into the snow. This not only changed their conversation but materially changed their mode of travel, as they now saw that they were pedestrians and their horse a half-mile ahead going at a 1:14 gait. Their cup of joy which a moment before seemed to be filled to the brim was now dashed to pieces, and so was the cutter. What would have become of them is mere conjecture had not a couple of honest farmers come along and assisted them to catch their horse, when after seeing them snugly tucked up in their cutter, and giving them some wholesome advice about keeping a line in each hand, they went on their way rejoicing; a wiser if not a warmer pair.

The New York Store

offers $1 Toys and Holiday articles, for 25 cents, and 50 cent Toys for 10 cents. Astonishing Bargains this week in Shawls, Blankets and Cloaks. d27d&wtf

Closing Out

Blankets and Cloaks less than value of raw material from which they are made. Call and see at

THE POPULAR NEW YORK STORE.

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CHARLES DROHN DEAD.

An Old German Citizen Pays the Debt of Nature.

From Friday's Daily.

The death of Charles Drohn, who was in the 64th year of his age, occurred this (Friday) morning at 1:20 o'clock, at the family residence on the west side of the old square. The deceased had been ill for nearly six weeks, but his condition was not considered dangerous until a few days ago. He died of general prostration and breaking down of the constitution.

The funeral will take place from the German Lutheran church at 2 p. m. on Sunday, December 30th.

The deceased was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in April, 1820, and had been a resident of Decatur for 30 years. He was probably one of the best known of our German citizens. He was the proprietor of the old St. Charles Hotel, at the corner of North Jackson and North street's, opposite the Catholic church, but he vacated the establishment some 10 or 12 years ago, since which time he has been conducting the Farmers' Restaurant, west side of square. Three years ago Mr. Drohn visited his sister in Germany. He leaves a widow and three children, Mrs. Chris. Dickhoff, Edward and Mary Drohn. The deceased was the owner of considerable city property.

Logan's Docket.

Only about thirty-five new cases have been docketed for the coming January term of the circuit court of Logan county. The Carpenter case will come up at this term. The probabilities are that a change of venue will be prayed for. It is not likely that if a change of venue is granted that the case will come to Decatur, as the feeling on the butchery is about as great in this section as it is in Lincoln. It will probably go either to Havana or Clinton.

Capt. Rowell at Work.

Comrade Dr. J. M. Blythe is in receipt of several letters from Congressman Rowell, showing that at Washington he is active in the interest of his constituents, and as often as possible gives his personal attention to the claims of applicants for pensions. The Doctor asked the Captain to look after the claim of Wm. Wickham, and within three weeks the Doctor received a note stating that Wickham's certificate had been forwarded. The certificate was issued a week after the Captain called the case up in the department. Comrade Wickham will get his money in a few days.

PERSONAL MENTION.

James Keefe and George Kraft will engage in the wholesale liquor business.

B. O. McReynolds has taken possession of his new residence on West Prairie St.

Dr. E. W. Moore writes that he will reach Decatur January 18th, and be ready for business again.

Mr. H. P. Beach who lately sold his farm near Maroa, has just returned from Portland, Oregon, to which section he will soon remove with his family.

Fred Shoaff and W. A. Walton have started the *Daily Sun* at Paris. It is a three-column folio and sells at 5 cents a week.

George C. Miln, the great Shakesperian actor, who made a big hit in Chicago last week, is booked to appear in Decatur next month.

J. J. Peddecord writes home from Hot Springs, Ark., that he is in greatly improved health. He will probably go to Florida before returning to Decatur in the spring.

Annie McDonald, in charge of the trimming department of the Einstein emporium of fashion at Minneapolis, Minn., got home on Christmas day. She will return to Minneapolis as soon as the spring season opens. Miss Annie thinks Minneapolis a great city.

A. A. Hooker, of Sandoval, formerly a resident of this county, paid the REPUBLICAN a call yesterday. Mr. Hooker is in apparent excellent health and is as jovial as ever. He has been visiting his son, L. L. Hooker, and three married daughters, whose homes are near Oreana.

Comrade P. W. Wilcox, the "Mendota Carpenter," arrived in the city this morning from Danville, where he delivered one of his eloquent and patriotic lectures last night before a large audience. The Captain stated to a REPUBLICAN reporter that he would certainly be in Decatur at the Department Encampment, unless prevented by illness. He thinks there will be at least 3000 G. A. R. boys, and perhaps many more in Decatur at that meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at Emery.

EMERY, Dec. 27.—Our people enjoyed an old-fashioned shooting match in this village on Christmas day. It was well attended by many expert marksmen. In the evening there was a Christmas tree at the Flood school house. A fine programme was observed by several of the young ladies. The children did unusually well, as we believe not one mistake was made by any one. A short play written in three acts was given and was well received. The singing was good. The orchestra from Argenta discoursed lovely music between acts, after which the prancing reindeer came in drawing a fine sleigh, and were driven by Mrs. Santa; the sleigh was completely filled with presents. Mr. Santa arrived a little later and seemed delighted to see all the little children. They sang him a song which did not fail to please. After the affair was over quite a number of our young people repaired to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Hockaday, where they were served with a delicious oyster supper, and they danced several quadrilles as a *finale* to the evening's enjoyment.

SANTA, JR.

WHAT everybody says, must be true Fleury is a perfect anatomist in Fitting the human form divine. O. P. C. H. Corner old square. tf

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The Weekly Republican.

ENTERED at the post office at Decatur, Illinois as second class mail matter.

THE valiant Congressmen who are howling mad because England hanged a murderer tried and convicted by a jury of twelve men, seem in no sort of a hurry to raise their voices against the crime of shooting down men in their own country simply because they cast Republican ballots.

A NORTHERN visitor in Columbia notes the fact that the United States flag does not float over the South Carolina State House when the Legislature is in session. The palmetto flag is the "standard sheet" down there. They use the stars and stripes only on occasions when it is customary to display the flags of "other nations."

CHICAGO *Inter-Ocean*: Judge Thornton is prominently mentioned as a Democratic candidate for Governor of Illinois. Whether his claim rests upon his record upon the Supreme bench or upon the defense of the defendants in the Emma Bond case does not appear. One thing is certain, he is a Democrat of "the real old stock."

THE Ohio liquor dealers have held a state convention and solemnly resolved that they "are of the opinion that the Scott law is unconstitutional," and therefore the coming Legislature is asked to repeal the same. In the face of such a conclusion by such an eminent and learned body of constitutional experts, the Legislature cannot refuse, of course, to wipe out the obnoxious statute.

THAT is a timely and practical suggestion which the Indianapolis *Journal* makes in connection with the alleged corruption of thousands of Democratic voters in Indiana in 1880 by means of two-dollar bills. Let an investigation be ordered, the *Journal* says, and if there are thousands of Democrats who will testify that they voted against their party for two dollars apiece, by all means give them a free and fair opportunity to put themselves on record to that effect.

MR. WINGATE TULLEY, a staunch democrat of Wheatland township, was in the city yesterday and called on the *Review*. Mr. Tulley is looking forward with much interest to the Democratic nominees for President and Vice President. While he has voted with the minority for many years, he hopes that next year his vote will aid in electing a Democratic national ticket.—*Decatur Review, Jan. 1.*

It has been our good fortune to intimately know Mr. Tully for a matter of 27 or 28 years, and this is the first time we ever heard him accused of anything not exactly praiseworthy and patriotic. Instead of having "voted with the minority for many years." he has been on the "top side" ever since 1860, and so far as hoping that "his vote will aid in electing a Democratic national ticket," next fall is concerned we are assured that his greatest earthly desire is to vote for James G. Blaine, but he will cheerfully vote for any Republican to beat the Democrats. The remaining statement of the paragraph, that Mr. Tully called at the *Review* office, is probably true, though its presence among so many other phenomenal and colossal examples of our neighbor's imagination, has a tendency to even give *that* away. There is, however, one thing to be learned from this refreshing sample of current political literature, appearing, as it did, on the first day of the year, and in the columns of the Decatur *Review*, and that is, that the campaign has opened.

SO LONG as Southern Democrats shot only Republicans, the Southern press challenged every criticism made upon their dealings at the ballot-box, but the recent family quarreling and shooting in Louisiana, causes the New Orleans *Picayune* to indulge in some plain talk. It says "in numerous instances" the Democratic voters of the state have been made the victims of "fraudulent practices in parochial committees, primaries and conventions," and "their will overruled and stifled by bands of ruthless ruffians." This is a dose of home medicine. It is this "band of ruthless ruffians" that the South should look after and squelch.

HOFFMAN'S *Independent* at Bloomington is no more. Its light, what little it had, went out with the old year.

1884.

The old year has gone out; the new year has come in. It is not considered "good form" to speak ill of the dead, but 1883 has left in its track so many reminders of disaster, so many horrors, so much of death and destruction, that it is impossible for any one to observe the well-worn maxim, *de mortuis nil nisi bonum*, when speaking of the departed year. But it has gone the way of its predecessors, and the story of its woes and sorrows has passed into history, where it will long continue to figure as an era that came well-nigh proving the truth of Mother Shipton's prophecy. From the record of its disasters we turn with glad anticipations and hopeful hearts to the new year, trusting that in the final round-up the the balance will be on the other side of the ledger, and that when we come to write *its* obituary a twelve-month hence it will be with more joyous memories than those which crowd about us as we contemplate its immediate predecessor. But, whatever it has in store for us, let us hail its advent with acclamations of joy, resolving to do all that within us lies to make 1884 a year of prosperity, of happiness and of peace.

To all our readers, to young and old, to rich and poor, to high and low, to friend and foe, the REPUBLICAN extends the compliments of the season, and wishes to one and all

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE Seventeenth Congressional District of Illinois has a triangular fight in prospect. It is so strongly Democratic that the real contest is over the nomination. The present Representative, Judge Moulton, wants to succeed himself. He was a Republican once, receiving the nomination for Congressman at large in 1864 over Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll. Like Trumbull, Farnsworth, Palmer, and others who could be named, he deserted the party when he thought he had got out of it all he could. Ex-Congressman Eden, an old-time Democrat, wants the place, and so does Representative Yancey, of Macoupin. The latter will make a strong pull. He was one of the leaders of his party in the House, and is a competitor of very considerable strength.

ST. LOUIS *Globe-Democrat*: It is said to be a solemn fact that Kentucky, Missouri and Texas have absorbed over half the offices of the House. Furthermore, it is alleged, there has been barely one appointment given to an applicant living east of the Mississippi River. A resolution will probably be introduced when the House reconvenes inquiring why it is necessary to use the bulk of the patronage in a frantic effort to keep Kentucky, Texas and Missouri from going Republican next year.

THE list of notable deaths of 1883 includes the names of many eminent men. Among those abroad are Gambetta, Count de Chamboyd and Gustave Dore, of France; Bishop Colenso and Richard Henry Green, the historian, of England; Richard Wagner and Karl Marx, of Germany, and Prince Gortschakoff and Evan Tourgenieff, of Russia. In our own country, many of the prominent men of the Nation have been called away. Among them are ex-Senator Morrill, of Maine; William E. Dodge, of New York; ex-Governor Jewell, of Connecticut; ex-Governor Morgan, of New York; Governor Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia; Postmaster General Howe, of Wisconsin; Peter Cooper; Jere S. Black, of Pennsylvania; Hugh J. Hastings, New York; Rev. Dr. Edwin F. Hatfield, Admiral Trenchard, Congressman Haskell and General A. A. Humphreys.

GEO. ANDREWS, overseer of the Lowell Carpet Corporation, was for over twenty years, before his removal to Lowell, afflicted with salt rheum in its worst form. Its ulcerations actually covered more than half the surface of his body and limbs. He was entirely cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla. See certificate in Ayer's Almanac for 1883. 31

Y. M. C. A. Lecture Course.

The first entertainment of the lecture course will be given Thursday evening, Jan. 10, 1884 at the opera house by Alfred P. Burbank. The issuing of reserved seat checks to holders of course tickets will begin at O. E. Curtis & Co.'s on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 2 o'clock. As nearly every seat on the lower floor of the opera house is now sold, it is probable that no one but those holding course tickets can be accommodated with reserved seats. A limited number of these tickets are still on sale. At Mr. Burbank's entertainment the price of tickets to the gallery will be 35 cents. COMMITTEE.

A Speech by "Uncle Dick."

At a recent soldiers' reunion at Rock Island, Ill., ex-Governor Richard J. Oglesby, who was present by invitation, was called on for a speech, and the *Union* of that city reports him as follows:

When Governor Oglesby made his bow he was received with enthusiastic applause, and he began a speech which from opening to close, gave evidence of the fact that he had lost none of his old-time eloquence and fire. With his deep earnestness he still retains the faculty of mingling flashes of humor which always call forth hearty applause. To his subject, "Recollections of the Late War," he did not pretend to strictly confine himself, but acknowledged that when talking to the old soldiers, he spoke of whatever came to his mind. Nevertheless his address was more thoroughly enjoyed than it could have been had it been more purely a recital of incidents of the history of the rebellion. His speech was in no sense a political one, though it was full of patriotism and expressions of faith in the stability of this republican government. He eulogized the Grand Army of the Republic as a thoroughly non-political order. It had once drifted somewhat into politics, but that had all been eradicated. This Government, in his opinion, was the very best Government on the face of the globe, notwithstanding the little dissensions that arise, and notwithstanding the fact that so many people seem bound to violate the laws. He predicted we would have no more war for two centuries. There was not a traitor in the land, North or South, at the present time, and there was no fear of a renewal of the old struggle. The people of this country were too wise to tolerate war with a foreign country except for justice and correct principles, and when the Yankee Nation fought for justice, she could blow the daylights out of the remainder of creation. Socialism, agrarianism and all the other tom-foolisms that show their heads in New York, Cincinnati, Chicago and San Francisco, the centers where are gathered the hot-headed ones, cause us no trouble. For outside of these centers these isms do not exist. To the country at large their noise in these centers is like the rattle of a dry bean in a hollow horn. Since the close of our rebellion, the liberty of the people was growing in all the world, in England, in Switzerland, in Russia, in Germany.

Pair of Pretty Pictures.

Mr. George Lower, the energetic excursion agent for the popular "Frisco" line, has received two elegant photos in frames as a surprise New Year's gift. The presents give fine views of the "Diamond River Canon," 300 feet deep, in the mountains of Arizona, and the "San Francisco Mountains," which beautiful scenes together with hundreds of others of equal grandeur and interest may be seen by the tourist taking the "Frisco" route for the Pacific slope. The pictures were made in Denver and are nice enough to hang up in a parlor.

THE wealthy New Hampshire brewer, Frank Jones, who says he has been contributing money for years to help the Democrats carry close districts, asked to have a friend of his appointed Engrossing Clerk of the House, and his request was denied on the ground that New Hampshire is not a Democratic state. And now Mr. Jones says he is not a Democrat for revenue only any longer.

A LITTLE girl having been taken down with scarlet fever, the little one cried as she said to the doctor: "If I should die and go to heaven, I wouldn't know any of the children and wouldn't have any one to play with!" Again, she told her mother to send word to Santa Claus that he had better come to her house last so so he wouldn't give the scarlet fever to any other children.

"I was talking some time ago," said George Alfred Townsend, "to a prima donna who is in receipt of a very remarkable salary for a woman, and told her about a young lady who wanted to become a singer. The prima donna said: 'Oh, tell her to take a husband—no matter who he is. This living alone, detached from love and family life, roving from city to city, never will make one happy. A woman must pay a penalty—far greater than man—for not consenting to be loved.'"

GEN. BUTLER has been asked his opinion as to the best man for the Republicans to nominate for President, and he has ventured, with his accustomed modesty, to name President Arthur. Governor Butler is a smart man, but it is doubtful whether the Republicans will go to him for advice.

THE deficiency in the postal revenue caused by the reduction in the price of letter stamps will be $5,000,000; but this will be more than made up by the increased correspondence resulting from the publication of the lists of bachelors.—*Inter-Ocean.*

SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS.

First Day—December Term.

DECATUR, ILL., December 11th, A. D., 1883.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY }

The Board of Supervisors met at the court house, in the city of Decatur, county and state aforesaid, pursuant to adjournment, on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1883 at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Present Sup'rs Brown, Davis, Evans, Freeman, Funk, Garver, Graham, Hays, Hill, Hoyt, Johnson, Manecke, Miehl, McReynolds, Outten, Rosengrants, Vangundy, Van Leer, Ward and Woodcock.

The board proceeded to business Hon R. H. Woodcock in the chair, G. P. Hardy Clerk, W. W. Foster Sheriff.

The minutes of meeting held Sept. 13th, 1883, were read and approved.

On motion of Sup'r Vanleer the board adjourned until 9:30 a. m., December 12th, 1883.

DECATUR, ILL., Dec. 12th, 1883.

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30 a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present the same as the day previous

The board proceeded to business, Hon. R. H. Woodcock Chairman, George P. Hardy Clerk, W. W. Foster Sheriff.

The Highway Commissioners of Long Creek Township petitioned the board of supervisors to appropriate a sum sufficient to pay one half the cost of constructing a bridge across the Sangamon river at the Cow Ford. On motion of Sup'r Freeman the petition was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

On motion of Sup'r Freeman the purchasing agent was authorized to purchase 6 copies of the City Directory.

Sup'r McReynolds moved that the purchasing agent be authorized to have the delinquent tax books in the county treasurers office rebound. Sup'r Vanleer moved to amend by referring the matter to the Judiciary Committee. Carried.

On motion the board adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The board met pursuant to adjournment. The supervisors all being present the board proceeded to business. Hon. R. H. Woodcock in the chair, G. P. Hardy Clerk, W. W. Foster sheriff.

The matter of allowing the clerk of grand jury extra compensation was referred to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report to-morrow.

Sup'r Freeman offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved That the purchasing agent purchase a suitable book for copying the records of the school lands and have said record copied, and when said work is done the clerk be authorized to draw an order on the treasurer in payment of same, when properly attested by Circuit Clerk.

The committee on fees and salaries reported the following claims as correct, and warrants were ordered issued in payment, viz: S. F. Greer, services as County Judge, $450.00. J. W. Carter, services as county janitor, $125.00. W. W. Foster, sheriff, jail bill $87.25. Same committee examined the semi-annual report of sheriff and approved it and a warrant was ordered issued payable to W. W. Foster, sheriff, for $561.67.

Same committee examined the semi-annual report of E. McClelland, circuit clerk, and found it correct and a warrant was ordered issued in favor of E. McClellan for $958.70.

The same committee examined the semi-annual report of G. P. Hardy, County Clerk, and found it correct and recommend that a warrant be drawn in favor of G. P. Hardy for $1683.27, and that he be instructed to pay to Co. Treasurer $850.37, being amount of earnings in excess of expenditures.

The committee on Public Building reported the following claims as correct and warrants were ordered issued in payment, viz:

Abel & Locke, goods, court house and jail, $87.22; Cushing & Weld, lock for sheriff office, $8.00; J. W. Carter, moving furniture, $15.0; Allen & Willets, repairs, Co. Treas. office, $26.00 Central Telephone Co., use of telephone, $10.10; Wm. R. Hoffman, repairs, county clerk's office, $2.25; F. Hutzein, office chairs, $12.00; Lyon, Gibson & Co., benches for jail, $8.00; Close, Griswold & Co., goods for court house, $91.91; Richard Harkness, repairs county jail, $4.95; O. E. Curtis & Co., repairs county clock, $1.50; Chas. G. Ebel & Co., 2 City Directories, $7.00; J. H. Vennigerholtz, coal and kindling for jail, $5.37; J. H. Vennigerholtz, coal and kindling for court house, $1.75.

The committee on miscellaneous claims reported the following claims as correct and warrants were ordered issued in payment, viz:

Illinois Printing Co., book and blanks, $18.26; J. H. Milliken, services as bailiff, $15; I. D. Jennings, services as bailiff $2.50; J. J. H. Young, sen do $26.00; J. M. Stocker, do $5.00; G. S. Morrison, do $5.00; Samuel Weitzel, do $57.5; John W. Hamilton, do $15.00; Jacob Albert, do $10.00; J. A. Cochran, do $2.50; Nathaniel Sprague, do $7.50; John McWhinney, do $7.50; J. G. Armstrong, do $15.00; R. H. Schroeder, do $7.50; David Itoff, do $22.50; W. W. Toney, $3.00 Brown, Pettibone & Kelley, books and blanks, $30.45; Geo. B. Barnard & Co., do $207.10; S. S. Jack, printing, $12.50.

The committee on paupers reported the following claims as correct, and warrants were ordered issued in payment, viz: A T Horst, goods for paupers, $32.25; Champion & Traughber, do $10; Freeman Bros., do, $17.25; Wm Nonderayer, do, $2.70; L M Gill, do, $17.10; John Finn, do, $28.50; A G and V G Benton, do, $11.86; Z Baughn, do, $18.34; J G Auer & Co., $7.75; G W Fenton, do, $5; H B Smith, do, $11.80; Peter Ulrich do, $12; Spitler & Conn, do, $5; K W Conn, do, $16.50; D F Lewis, do, $13.5; Henry Lyon, do, $63.80; F M Garver, do, $22.90; H B Smith, do, 16.25; Roach, McReynolds & Co, do, $4; J B Lichtenberger, do, $8; J G Kizer & Co, do, $1; J D Seiberling, do, $37.90.

C A and W T McLean, medical attendance $5; Wm M Catto do $100, allowed $75; J N Randall do $85, allowed $35; William Sturgis $13.50; E A Morgan $15.50, allowed $3.53; H N Clark $21.50; J B C Phillips $17, allowed $12; R A Newell er, overseer of poor, $136.50; W J Magee, steward at poor farm, $225.00; G T Outton shipping paupers, $3.50; Roach McReynolds & Co., goods for poor farm, $5.00; Sarah Wheeler, care of pauper, $16.25; John Ullrich, goods for poor farm, $60.75, Illinois Asylum for Feeble-minded, $11.36; R H Woodcock, cash advanced to pauper, $4.50; John Frank, mending shoes for prisoners, $5.70; Catharine Shultz, care of pauper, $21, allowed $5; Peter Porl, coffin, $12; Decatur Woolen Mill, goods for poor farm, $97.08; M P Funk, shipping paupers, $1.20, J A Humphrey, care of pauper, $6.25, J B Ballard, coffin, $16; Illinois hospital for insane $29.15; Illinois industrial school for girls $30.

A petition was presented to the board, asking it to change the name of Illini township to Derby. Referred to judiciary committee.

The finance committee made the following report, which was received and placed on file:

To the honorable board of supervisors: The finance committee would report that they made arrangements with Circuit Clerk McClellan to have 26 in ex, one chattel mortgage, and one jury book rebound, which has been done as far as this committee is able to judge, at a cost of $192.50—work done by Geo D Barnard & Co., of St Louis.

B O MCREYNLDS,
JOSEPH BROWN,
PATRICK GRAHAM,
A T HILL,
HIRAM WARD, } Committee.

The committee on judiciary made the following report, which was adopted:

To the honorable board of Supervisors: The judiciary committee, to whom was referred the question as to the books containing lists of delinquent taxes for six years or more now part, would respectfully report that they have investigated the matter, and being advised by the state's attorney, they would recommend that the said books be placed in the vaults of the county clerk's office for safe keeping; as they might be important instruments of evidence both for the county and private individuals hereafter. They would further report that it is not now deemed necessary to rebind the said books.

Dated Dec 12, 1883.

C H GARVER,
W J EVANS,
PATRICK GRAHAM,
GEO T OUTTEN,
JOHN VAN GUNDY, } Committee.

On motion, the question of making appropriation for schooling pauper children, at poor farm was referred to the judiciary committee.

On motion the board adjourned until 9:30 a m tomorrow morning.

DECATUR, ILL., Dec 13, 1883.

The board of supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. The members all being present, the board proceeded to business—Hon R H Woodcock in the chair, G P Hardy, clerk, W W Foster sheriff.

The committee on roads and bridges made the following report, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the board upon call of the ayes and noes.

To honorable board of supervisors of Macon county, state of Illinois: Your committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of the commissioners of highways of Long Creek township, asking for an appropriation to aid in building the bridge across the Sangamon river, three miles east of Decatur, known as the Cow Ford Bridge, beg leave to make the following report: That we have had the same under consideration, and would report in favor of the county paying one half the cost of construction of said bridge (the entire cost of construction to not exceed $5,671) to be paid out of the revenue of 1883, when collected. No money to be paid by the county until the bridge is completed in accordance with the plans and specifications now on file in the county clerk's office and so certified to by a committee of the board of supervisors.

HIRAM WARD
JOHN JOHNSON,
W J EVANS,
H MANECKE.
S C DAVIS, } Committee.

The following reports were presented and adopted:

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors: Your judiciary committee to whom was referred the petition of the citizens of Illini township for a change of the name of said township, respectfully report it is not in the power of the Board of Supervisors to change the name of a township except on petition of a majority of the legal voters of this township. The petition presented does not contain the names of such a majority.

C. H. GARVER,
J. VAN GUNDY,
PATRICK GRAHAM,
GEO. T. OUTTEN.

Dated Dec. 13th, 1883.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors: The judiciary committee to whom was referred the question as to whether the county board might legally increase the per diem of the secretary of the grand jury, respectfully report that the Board has not power to increase the pay or per diem of any juror, as such pay is fixed by statute.

C. H. GARVER,
JOHN VAN GUNDY,
PATRICK GRAHAM,
GEO. T. OUTTEN.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors: Your committee on finance report that they have examined the statement of Geo. M. Wood as Treasurer, and compared vouchers with same and find statement correct, and have destroyed the vouchers by burning them.

The following is a statement of the finances of the county December 1st, 1883, as per Treasurer G. M. Wood's report, which is hereby attached and made a part of this report:

B. O. MCREYNOLDS,
HIRAM WARD,
A. T. HILL,
PATRICK GRAHAM,
JOSEPH BROWN,
Finance Committee.

DECATUR, Dec. 1st, 1883.

G. M. Wood, County Treasurer, in account Macon county.

1883.	DR.	
Sept 1,	To am't revenue in treasury,	$21,326 53
" 18,	To am't Daniels for gas in grand jury room	11 10
Oct. 30,	To am't F. Priest for 3 notes, $600, given Jan 16, 1877	1,500 00
" "	To am't F. Priest for interest on above notes to Oct. 31, '83,	72 50
Dec. 1,	To am't treasurer's earnings paid county by G. M. Wood,	963 47
		$23,873 60

	CR.	
Oct. 3,	By am't paid Co. orders and jurors' certificates	$ 5,533 06
Nov. 1,	By am't do do do	1,578 29
Dec. 1,	By am't do do do	491 45
" "	By am't commissions	91 87
" "	By am't revenue in treasury	16,178 93
		$23,873 60

Correct.

G. M. WOOD, Treasurer
Macon County, Ill.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Macon county, Ill.—Gentlemen: Your committee on mines and mining would report that at the March meeting, 1882, of the Board G. V. Loring was appointed inspector of coal mines and allowed not to exceed five days in each month and to be paid at the rate of $5 per day, since said appointment the laws of the state have been amended doing away with the office of county inspector and dividing the state in districts and inspectors appointed by the state for said districts, which law was in force July 1, 1883. A provision is made, however, that the county board may appoint an assistant inspector, who shall act under the direction of the district inspector, and who may be removed by the county board at any time, as said assistant inspector does not act under the direction of the county board and the county would have no control over the number of days he would be employed, and as the Board has had no request to have such assistant appointed, we would recommend that the office be and is hereby abolished. Bill moved to be adopted.

JAMES FREEMAN,
PATRICK GRAHAM,
W. A. VAN LEER,
Committee.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Macon county, Ill.:—Gentlemen: Your judiciary committee to whom was referred motion as to amount of money to be paid school district in which county farm is located, would respectfully report that the amount heretofore paid has been $10 per annum, we believe that that amount is but a fair compensation, as 200 acres of the best land in the district is untaxed and it cannot be replaced by taking in other territory, although at present there are not many children attending school, there may hereafter be a great many. We therefore recommend that the county allow said school district $40 for last year, and the same amount for each year until further action is had.

C. H. GARVER,
J. VAN GUNDY,
PATRICK GRAHAM,
GEO. T. OUTTEN.

DECATUR, ILL., Dec. 13, 1883.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Macon county: Gentlemen, would report in regard to the mines of Macon county: The Decatur mine is in good working shape. There is no complaint of foul air. There was a scare in the mine about the 25th of last month, caused by the pipe in the abandoned shaft being clogged up. Was no actual danger. There is 160 men employed in the mine raising about 250 tons of coal per day. The building has not been covered by fire proof material, but I understand that the iron has been ordered for that improvement.

The mine at Mantic is in good order. The proprietors have put in a new boiler, and the machinery works well. There has been complaint of bad air, but when ever I have been in the mine the air was good and sufficient.

G. V. LORING,
Inspector of Mining for Macon Co.

A contract with Robert McClelland to furnish coal for county, was approved, secured and placed on file.

V. Barber, Sup't Poor Farm, made his report for the quarter ending Dec. 11, 1883, which was approved and a warrant ordered issued for $4.88, amount due him.

W. J. Magee, Steward at the Poor House, made his quarterly report, showing number of paupers received since last report, 12; died, 3; discharged, 6; remaining at this date, 43. Report received and placed on file.

On motion of Supr. Ward a special committee consisting of supr. Davis and Manecke were appointed to act in conjunction with the commissioners of highways in superintending the construction of a bridge across the Sangamon river at Cow Ford.

The following claims were reported correct by the committee on paupers and poor farm, viz: John Snudel, goods for paupers, $16.30; Louis Koehler, $32.55; Francis Skelley, $60.75; Newell Bros., $108.15; Fred. Wedel, $82; John Washburn, $12; E. A. Stevens & Bro., $27.95; W. J. Myers, $67.50; W. H. Reeme, $41.80; J. T. Denton, $35.50; Barber & Baker, $26.60; Ellis & Fuller, $2.10; H. F. May & Bro., $22.50; S. G. Washburn, $12.80; S. C. Ham, medical attendance for paupers, $37; Tobey & Harvey, $107, allowed $76; G. F. Waldron, $17.50, allowed $14.50; G. W. Drury, $2; W. B. Caldwell, $13.50; J. H. Rice $87, allowed $42; J. N. Randall, services as county physician, $125; Hout. McClelland, coal, $396.34; J. H. Vennigerholz, coal, $13.50; William Shupp, labor at county farm, $61; Ill. Institute deaf and dumb, $22.54; Adam Musser, care of pauper, $16; A. B. Riley, do, $8.72; Jane Hobson do $10, allowed $7; A. T. Hill, shipping paupers, $26.55; John Irwin, goods for poor farm, $46; Close, Griswold & Co., $3.15.

The committee on fees and salaries reported the following claims as correct and warrants were ordered issued in payment:

John Trainer, services as Supt. schools, $250; G. V. Loring, services as inspector of mines, $115.

The committee on public building reported the following claims as correct and warrants were ordered issued in payment, viz:

Robert McClelland, coal for court house and jail, $564.22; H. Mueller, repairing lock, office county clerk, $3; City of Decatur, water for court house and jail, $37.50; Ferguson & Dillehunt, goods for county farm, $25.45; D. A. Mallit, ice for offices, $74.85; Mills & Harry, repairs for jail and county clerk's office, $43.01; J. R. Race & Co., goods for prisoners at jail, $67.95; Decatur Gas Co., gas, $110.43; H. Post, clock for treasurer's office, $8; Young Bros. & Marts, goods for jail, $15.58; W. W. Foster, ice for jail, $22.60; Korsmyer & O'Neill, repairs for court house and jail, $47.80.

The committee on miscellaneous claims reported the following claims as correct and warrants were ordered issued in payment, viz:

George D. Barnard & Co., book and blanks, $24.5; Hall & Hostetter, printing, $2.75; W. E. Hubbard, stationery, $10.40, allowed $9.35; G. M. Wood, supplies for treasurer's office, $11.76; Hamshor & Mosser, printing, $19; Jesse R. Bendure, services as coroner, $40.60, allowed $22; Hiram Ward, service on committee, $4; S. C. Davis, do, $3.20; Jas. Freeman, do, $2.50; J. R. Hays, do, $5; H. H. Rosengrants, do, $9.50; J. N. Hoyt, do, $15.30; M. P. Funk, do, $4; A. T. Hill, do, $5.

The following claims were rejected, viz: Anthony Lynch, care of a man that was injured by falling from a hand-car, $207.60; S. G. Robinson, care of pauper, $7.

Claim of R. C. Ringland for extra labor performed as clerk of the grand jury, $16.50, was laid on the table.

Claim of D. T. Kyner, M. D., medical attendance on paupers, not allowed.

Claim of A. J. Stoner, rubber plaster for inmates of poor house, not allowed.

On motion of Supr. Garver the Board adjourned until the first Wednesday in March next, being Wednesday the 5th day of March, A. D. 1884. G. P. HARDY, Clerk.

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Lincoln Pleading Under the Trees.

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A Genuine Scotch Sabbath.

London Truth.

The Scotch are, of course, a very righteous people, indeed, and their reverence for the "Sawbath" is a matter of common notoriety. Last Sunday a bark arrived at St. Andrews bay, flying a flag for assistance. A fishing boat put off, and it was discovered that the captain and crew were in a state of semi starvation, having been reduced for several days to a diet of one biscuit a day per man. But the godly people of St. Andrews are so strongly opposed to anything approaching Sunday trading that provisions were only procured with the greatest difficulty, and for some time it appeared as though the unfortunate sailors would have done better to remain on board with their one biscuit until Monday. I wonder if it occurred to these rigid Sabbatarians that if any of the men had died, they would have been morally, if not legally guilty of manslaughter?

MR. A. NICHOLS, of this place, says he suffered from Catarrh for years. He purased a bottle of Ely's Cream Balm of us. He is now almost cured, and says you cannot recommend it too highly. We are selling more of Ely's Cream Balm than of all other catarrh remedies, can hardly keep a supply on hand. EVERS BROS, Druggists, Independence, Iowa.

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Villard in Washington.

Washington Letter.

It is a current rumor here that Villard's bank account has been swelled by a good deal of Washington money. Everybody here, excepting Brady, of star-route fame, who dealt in stocks, seems to have been bitten by the drop in the North Pacifics. Brady made a fortune by it. A good many Congressmen were hurt and they feel ugly about it. An ex-Senator who got a point from Villard paid $20,000 for the knowledge; a newspaper man dropped pretty much all he had into Villard's coffers, and even some of the directors were badly bitten. There will be a raid on North Pacific land grant in revenge for this, and other hostile legislation will be attempted. But Villard, they say, does not care whether school keeps or not.

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HE TOOK STRYCHNINE.

John Bolby's Attempt to Commit Suicide—Saved by a Stomach Pump.

From Saturday's Daily.

A telegram from Maroa this forenoon gives the particulars of an attempt at suicide by the strychnine route which occurred at the Bolby place three miles west of the town at three o'clock this morning. The would-be suicide is John Bolby, aged 60 years, the owner of a finely improved farm of 160 acres, on which have lately been erected a large new house and a splendid barn, all paid for. This morning soon after 2 o'clock Mr. Bolby, who has been addicted to an immoderate indulgence in the use of liquor, took a dose of strychnine with suicidal intent. The family became aware of what the husband and father had done, and immediately a messenger was sent post haste for Dr. Phillips at Maroa, who hurried to the farm house with a stomach pump and soon relieved the old man of his sufferings and saved his life. Mr. Bolby seemed disappointed at his unsuccessful attempt at suicide and would give no reason for the act, except that he wanted to die, and hoped to have better luck next time. He will be watched by his family to prevent a repetition of the deed of to-day. He has a wife and four children at home, and is one of the best known farmers in the northern part of the county. He has been a hard drinker for several years. He was in Maroa yesterday, but as that is a temperance town, he could not have got any liquor there.

Failed in the Attempt.

The 29 prisoners in the county jail at Danville tried to gain their liberty by sawing their way out Saturday night, but the game was discovered by Jailor Lister in time to keep the birds in the cage, and also to save his own life. The prisoners had a dozen saws in their possession and also a brace of revolvers which had been passed in through the bars by outsiders. The prisoners had commenced sawing, and they would now be at liberty but for the lucky discovery of the jailor that the hasp to the cage had been sawed off.

About our Railroads.

The Railway Commissioners report that in Illinois there are now 10,456 miles of railroad, of which 8,716 miles are main lines or branches, 442 miles double track and 1,234 miles of sidings. Total gross earnings, $214,146,915; increase over 1882, $24,793,937. The total number of passengers transported was 49,981,305, and 89,506,629 tons of freight were moved, of which 10,233,914 was through freight on Illinois business. Eleven passengers were killed and sixty-five were injured. Employes of the road to the number of 154 were killed, and 518 were injured more or less severely. In addition to these, there were 220 other persons killed and 227 injured.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Closing Quotations at L. C. Thompson's Commission Room at 2 p. m. to day.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.

WHEAT—93¾ Jan.; 91¾ Feb; $1.01⅝ May.
CORN—56⅝ Jan; 55 Feb; 58⅝ May.
OATS—32¾ Jan.; 33⅛ Feb; 37⅜ May.
PORK—$14.27 Jan; $14.45 Feb; $14.97 May.
LARD—$8.80 Jan; $8.07 Feb; $9.32 May.
CAR LOTS—Wheat, 202; corn, 776; oats, 164

THE DECATUR RETAIL MARKET.

Ruling Prices at the Various Stores—Wheat and Coal.

DECATUR, ILL., Jan. 3, 1883.

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

FLOUR—First grade, White Loaf, $3.65 per hundred; second grade, $3.40; third, $3.30

BUCKWHEAT—Bulk, 6 cents a pound; package, 25 and 45 cents each.

CORN MEAL—70 cents a bushel.

COFFEES—Roasted, 8 to 7 lbs for a dollar; green, 8½ to 8 lbs for a dollar; package coffee, 15 and 20 cents.

SUGAR—Cut Loaf, 8 lbs for a dollar; powdered, 9 lbs; A, 10 lbs; extra C, 10½ lbs.

APPLES—75 cents and $1.00 per bushel.

EGGS—30 cents a dozen.

TURNIPS—50 cents a bushel.

POTATOES—50 cents a bushel.

CABBAGE—10 to 15 cents a head.

CELERY—5 cents a bunch.

ORANGES—Florida, 50 cents a dozen.

WALNUTS—75 cents a bushel.

HICKORYNUTS—$1.25 to $1.50 a bushel.

BUTTER—Country, 25 and 30 cents; Decatur Creamery, 40 cents a pound.

LARD—12½ cents a pound.

BACON—12½ to 15 cents a pound.

HAMS—16 cents a pound.

CHICKENS—Dressed, 25 and 30 cents each; alive, 20 and 25 cents each.

TURKEYS—12½ cents a pound dressed.

CRANBERRIES—12½ and 15 cents a quart

SYRUPS—From 50 to $1.00 a gallon.

STOCK PRICES.

COWS AND HEIFERS—Decatur butchers are paying $3.50 to $4.25 per hundred pounds

STEERS—$4.00 to $5.00 a hundred.

SHEEP—$3.50 to $4.00 per hundred.

HOGS—$4.50 to $5.00.

Butchers sell pork at 6½ to 12½ cents per pound; same for mutton, and 8 to 20 cents a pound for beef.

COAL.

Decatur and all other soft coal $2.25 a ton delivered; $1.75 a ton at yards.

Indiana Block, $3.50 a ton.

Lehigh hard coal, $9.00 a ton; Lackawana, $8.50 a ton.

GRAIN

Dealers are paying the following prices per bushel for grain

WHEAT—95 cents.

CORN—25 to 95 cents.

OATS—25 to 27 cents

RYE—40 cents.

HAY

HAY—Loose hay is selling at $7 to $9 a ton; baled hay at $10 a ton, and straw at $3.50.

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Dec. 18, 1883—d&wly

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Will dispose of Fall and Winter Goods from now until the 20th of February at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Farmers and Mechanics, as well as the people generally, can profit by the Reduction.

Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear, Cloaks, Shawls, Flannels, Blankets, Winter Dress Goods, Bleached and Brown Muslins, will show a marked difference in favor of the purchaser.

New Goods are received every day, so that our stock is kept fresh and complete in all departments,

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DRY GOODS, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, WALL PAPERS and WINDOW MATERIALS of every description.

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December 29-d&wtf

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Jan. 2, 1884—d&wtf.

NEWSPAPERARCHIVE®

The Weekly Republican.

ENTERED at the post office at Decatur, Illinois as second class mail matter.

FOUR per cent. government bonds reached their highest figure in New York yesterday—selling at 125.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has accomplished wonders in civil-service reform. He listens to Representatives and Senators, but the straightforward system moves along with less than half the friction of a year ago.

TWENTY-NINE of the forty-four House committee chairmanships went to States "recently in rebellion." But why not? The House represents the Democratic party, and the Democratic party represents the lost cause.

THE fact that all the Democratic leaders are confident of carrying for the Presidency every state that went into rebellion and undertook to destroy the Republic, is worthy the serious consideration of patriotic men. The fact carries with it its own commentary.

IT is said that a syndicate of stockmen is engaged in fencing into ranges a tract of 6,000,000 acres, in Indian Territory, leased from the Cherokees for five years at an annual rental of $100,000. It is believed that 1,000,000 head of cattle will be placed on the enclosed grounds by April 1.

THE people of some of the States are already discussing the propriety of taking the census in 1885, and, if they do, they will be entitled to aid from the Federal Government. The act of Congress of 1879 provides that if any State or Territory shall, during the two months beginning on the first Monday in June, 1885, take a complete census in all respects according to the schedules and forms of enumeration in the census of the United States, and shall deposit on or before the 1st of September following a full copy of all schedules returned and reports made by the officers and agents who made the enumeration, the United States will pay to the State a sum equal to one-half the amount paid by the United States in 1880 to the Supervisors and enumerators within the State, increased by one half the per centage of gain in population made in the State between 1870 and 1880.

THE "solid South" not only gobbled the Speaker, the Chief Clerk and the Doorkeeper of the House, but Mr. Carlisle has not neglected the Confederate Brigadiers in making up the standing committees. Look at some of them: Mr. Turner, of Georgia, is chairman of the committee on Elections; Tucker, of Virginia, on Judiciary; Aiken, of South Carolina, on Education; Buckner, of Missouri, on Banking and Currency; Bland, of Missouri, on Coinage; Reagan, of Texas, on Commerce; Willis, of Kentucky, on Rivers and Harbors; Money, of Mississippi, on Post Offices; Davidson, of Florida, on Railways; Hewitt, of Alabama, on Pensions; McMillan, of Tennessee, on Claims, and so on. These are not all the good places assigned to men from the South, but they serve as specimens, and will go to show that it is a demonstrated fact that "the Confederates are in the saddle and are pushing things."

THE President of the United States, on Thursday, made a flying visit to New York for the special purpose of attending the debut into society of Miss Nannie French, the daughter of Mr. Seth B. French, the wealthy cotton exporter. Miss Nannie is 18 years old, and is described as more of a blonde than a brunette, with faultless features, and queenly carriage. The presence of the Chief Executive created a genuine little sensation among the guests, but he made it understood that he came as plain Chester A. Arthur. and so conducted himself. If he did not enjoy the reception appearances belied themselves. During the hour and a half he was there he was in close attendance upon the young lady in whose honor it was given, and for whom, it is whispered, he has a decided admiration.

THE people's "Reliable Square Dealing Clothier" is Cheap Charley. tf

SOME one has classified the present House of Representatives at Washington as to occupation as follows: Lawyers, 221; manufacturers, 10; farmers, 18; editors, 10; merchants, 8; bankers, 7; doctors, 5; lumbermen, 2; railroad presidents, 2; railroad operators, 2; minister, 1; pharmacist, 1; zoologist, 1; hatter, 1; railroad ticket agent, 1; cooper, 1; printer, 1; capitalist, 1; politician, 1. The occupations and professions of 22 are not stated. It will be observed that the average per centage of lawyers is unusually large. Taking the Southern States alone somewhat more than seven-eighths of the representatives classify themselves as belonging to the legal profession. Of the eleven Texas men all except Ochiltree are put down as lawyers. Of the nineteen manufacturers seven are from New York. One hundred and nineteen of the members served in the army and navy during the war, fifty-four on the Rebel side and sixty-five on the Union side. Of the fifty four ex-confederates all are Democrats, while of the Union soldiers fifty are Republicans and fifteen Democrats.

MISSOURI gets five of the Chairmanships of the House committees and Illinois gets two; Texas gets three and Ohio the same; Tennessee and Mississippi also get three each, and the other Southern states one and two each, and none go to Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, or in fact any of the great Northwestern states.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the postoffice at Decatur, Macon county, Ill., for the week ending Dec. 25, 1883

Bassett Mrs Alice	Liken Robert M
Ballard Iola	Murphy Hugh Mrs
Bennett Will	Miller Henry
Barenes W E	Miller John
Brandon Mrs Mary S	Macon J W
Browne Warren Em	Moore Luella
Breedlove Wm B	Miller Lewis
Carter John	Michaels Mrs Lizzie
Clutter Oliver F	Miller Mrs S E
Cothron Samuel	Myers William
Castoe William S	McNamee John jr
Dorway Alice	Nichols McGey
Douns Charlie	Nicholson Jerry
Davis E B	Nash Jennie
Downing D D	Orr Mrs Molly
Dickson Henry	O'Brien Sam J
Doolittle H Marshal	Phillips Mrs Anna
Danlies Mrs Susan	Peck John C
Eacl.s Harry	Pratt Dr J L
Evans Susan	Prowell J W
Fudge George	Quinn Richard
Ferry Jennie	Ryder John
Grant H B	Robinson James
Grant Jennie	Sitzer Samuel
Griffin William	Smith Christopher
Herring C A	Smith A R
Hall Dossie	Stiening Agust
Hinton E S	Stewart Bert
Haddon H	Stevens Eva
Hamlin J W	Sullivan Ella
Hackett Richard	Stipe J W
Huey Thomas	Swysgood Laura
Hagins W B jr	Stewart W T
Hedding Wm	Taylor Mrs Lou
Irwin James	Taylor Mrs Louie
Jones Edwin	Trumble T H
Jenkins Jessie	White W T
Kreek Jacob	Wilson Mrs Sophie
Krobs Marie	Walwork Daniel
Lawrence C K	Woods William
Logan Ella	Young Luella
Lantz Herven	Yerring M W
Lunsford James	Yocum Mrs P A
Logan John D	Lunsford Mrs Pink

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IN A NEW LOCATION.

David Hamsher, Harness Dealer, "At Home" Opposite the Court House.

Mr. David Hamsher, Decatur's veteran harness-maker, takes pleasure in informing all his old patrons and the public generally, that he has moved his shop to No. 147 South Water street, opposite the court house, where he has more room, better light and is in sight of all his friends. Mr. Hamsher has now in stock a large and varied stock of harness, saddles, bridles, whips, etc., and is better prepared than ever to give low figures and do general repair work. Harness made to order on short notice. Give Mr. Hamsher a call at his new location—opposite the court house, near the scales.

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A MORMON DANCE.

The Latter Day Saints Tripping the Light Fantastic--One Phase of Utah Life.

[Salt Lake City Cor. New York Sun.]

If one wishes to see Mormon life in all its primitiveness and simplicity, he must not look for it in Salt Lake City, for there it is overshadowed by much of the outside world. No; if you wish to see the pure inner life of Mormondom, you must strike out into the country districts.

A few evenings ago I had the pleasure of attending a genuine dancing party of the Latter-day Saints (they don't like to be called Mormons). This was at a small town nestled away in the Wasatch mountains, about 150 miles south of the metropolis of Utah. The dance was held in what is called the ward meeting-house, a plain stone building used for general public purposes.

The hour for opening was 7 p. m. I was there on time. What first attracted my attention on entering was that the ladies and gentlemen sat separately—the men on the right and the ladies on the left. At the end of the hall was a raised platform, upon which sat the orchestra, which consisted of a first and second violin and organ. The nationality of those present was very distinct and easily detected. The Scandinavian element predominated, but there was a sprinkling of English, Scotch, Irish, Welsh and Swiss, while the Ohio twang and the Missourian's idee could also be heard. All had a happy and contented look, there being no attempt at formality, but each appeared to feel as if he or she was at home with members of their own family.

When I arrived the dancing had not commenced, and there was quite a buzz of conversation. Presently the floor manager cried out: "Please to come to order! Brother Brown, will you open?" Immediately all was silence, and every head bowed in reverence. Brother Brown responded by walking to the platform and offering a brief but earnest extemporaneous prayer, in which he asked the Lord to be with them during the time of their amusement, and to keep all harm and wrong-doing from those present.

The floor manager then gave a number to each man who wished to dance, and when all had numbers given them, he called out, "Numbers one to eight, take your partners for a cotillion!" There was only space for the two sets. Up started the eight numbers, and rushed across the room, and secured partners. There was no waiting for introductions, and now they stood in readiness on the floor, falling into conversation with their ladies. The music struck up, the caller shouted the figure, and the dancers started off as if their very life was at stake.

The Dances were remarkably graceful in their movements, and, of course, there was the usual quantum of verdant youths who did not know what to do with their legs. There were many pretty, yes, handsome, faces among the fair sex. All was neat and clean, but no attempt was made to show in dress, plain cotton and woolen fabrics being the rule. Some few of the girls made a faint attempt with simple ribbons and laces. Many of the men did not appear to have made any special evening toilet, with the exception of the liberal use of soap and water. Others, again, were dressed in well made, serviceable broadcloth of home manufacture.

I could not help but notice many of the young men born and raised in this mountain region. They are perfect giants, hale, hearty and vigorous. Don't ever impute to polygamy the cause of muscular decline in man, for here I had ocular proof to the contrary.

When the first dance was concluded the gentlemen escorted their partners to their seats and then retired to their own. Then another batch of eight was immediately called for, and the fun repeated. The polka or waltz, round dancing, as it is called, is not by strict rules allowed, although a few on this occasion were permitted during the evening.

After several dances had been gone through, some young Scandinavian sisters sung a charming song. This was followed by an Englishman singing a comic song and an American reciting from Shakespeare. Then more dancing, with occasional singing, till 12 o'clock, when "come to order" was called, and the assembly was dismissed with prayer. All seemed happy and contented with the evening's entertainment, and hied at once home, every lady having an escort of father, brother, husband or beau.

During the whole of the evening the only refreshments that I saw or heard of was pure water, although I was told that upon special occasions a light beer with cake is handed around. Intoxicating drinks are strictly prohibited. There is no saloon within thirty miles of the town, and even if a man smells of liquor he is reprimanded.

These dances are not open for any who may choose to attend, but all who wish to partake give their names in to the bishop of the ward. He has the power to blackball, and he uses that power, especially with outsiders and apostates.

By 1 o'clock all lights were out in the town, and the only sounds to be heard were the occasional baying of the watch dogs, and the lullaby of the canyon breeze.

Theory and Practice.

[The Judge.]

A graceful writer one day wrote a beautiful and sublime article showing how easy 'twas to die. But when the cholera morbus struck him that night he had four doctors called in, and the druggist on the corner took his family on an excursion with the money paid for the beautiful article

The Mystery Solved at Last.

[Exchange.]

"Ethel!" said the teacher, "whom do the ancients say supported the world on his shoulders?" "Atlas, sir." " 'Sorth [illegible]," said the teacher. "Atlas support[illegible] world. Now who [illegible] por[illegible]" "[illegible] suppose," said [illegible] se[illegible] married a [illegible] wife."

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NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, Macon County, } ss

In the County Court of the county of Macon, to the February Term, A. D. 1884.

In the matter of the petition of John H. Daniel and Fanny Daniel for the adoption of Fanny M. Close, an infant child.

AFFIDAVIT of the non-residence of Wesley Close, the father of said infant child, Fanny Close, having been filed in the office of the clerk of said court, public notice is hereby given the said Wesley Close that the above-named petitioners have heretofore filed in the office of the clerk of said court a petition praying that the said Fanny M. Close may be adopted by petitioners in conformity to the statute in such case made and provided, and that the name of the said Fanny M. Close be changed to Fanny M. Daniel. Now if you, the said Wesley Close, shall not personally be and appear before said court at a term thereof to be holden at the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county, on the Second Monday in February, A. D. 1884, and plead, answer or demur to said petition, the same and the matters and things therein alleged will be taken for confessed against you, and a decree be entered in accordance with the prayer of said petition. GEORGE P. HARDY, Clerk.

W. C. JOHNS, Attorney for Petitioners.

Dec. 20—w4w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of WESLEY MCCOY, Deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed administrator of the estate of Wesley McCoy, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the second Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1883.

JAMES W. DINGMAN, Administrator.

Dec. 27, 1883—w3w

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of NICHOLAS DRAKE, Deceased.

THE undersigned, having been appointed executrix of the estate of Nicholas Drake, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the second Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 28th day of December, 1883.

MARGARET J. DRAKE, Executrix.

Dec. 27, w3

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Feb. 9, 1881—d&w

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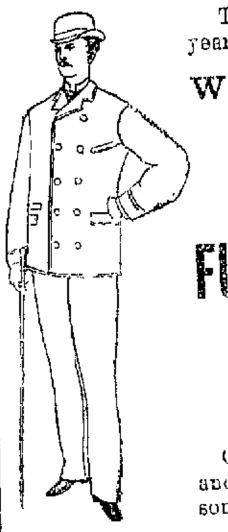

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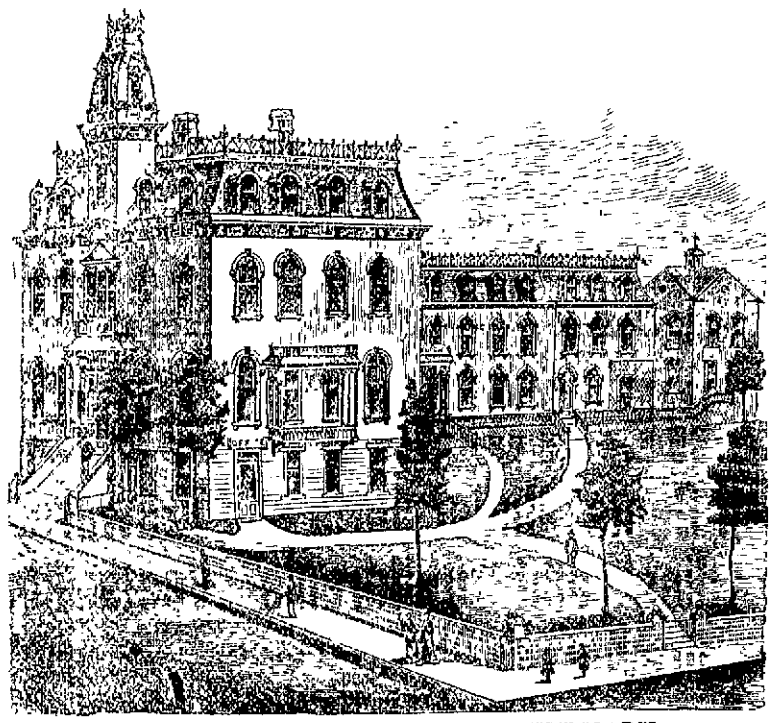

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I give this for the benefit of the public. My daughter was so deaf when Dr. Mrs. Keck began treating her on the 22d of January, that she could only hear words uttered in shouts, having the trouble with her ears for ten years—since four years of age. Had a very offensive and plentiful discharge of matter from the ears, and in the left ear a polypus had grown almost entirely closing it. The disease had affected her brain, making her stupid and of poor memory. Other physicians had been long tried with no benefit. Mrs. Keck has succeeded. My daughter has completely recovered her hearing; she can now hear a whisper or any slight sound. The polypus is entirely removed. I think she will recover perfectly. I am glad to bear testimony to Mrs. Dr. Keck's success in this case, and will gladly give all information I can to inquirers. THOMAS HOLMES.

Heart Disease.

PEORIA, Sept 23 1882.—DR. MRS. KECK—Dear Madame; Let me state for others' benefit, that I was affected with heart disease, difficult breathing, pain in right side, and general bad feelings, and in May last, being almost obliged to quit work, I began treatment with you. I now do hard work with pleasure, am relieved of all my suffering, and must say the results are far better than I had even anticipated. I have gained fourteen pounds in weight since beginning your treatment. My ailments existed over a year ago. I most heartily recommend you to the sick. Respectfully,

ISAAC CLOUGH.

A Commendatory Letter.

To the Editor of the Peoria Transcript:

GLASSFORD, PEORIA CO., ILL., Jan. 31, '81

My wife has been laboring under chronic affections, including Catarrh, for 12 years, and has been treated for the same most of the time, without material benefit, until she applied at the office of Dr. Mrs. Keck, in Peoria, last fall. She had not then spoken a loud word for nearly five months, having lost her voice while under other treatment; was threatened with paralysis, her entire left side being very weak and numb; her nervous system was completely shattered; her lungs in a serious condition, and her health failing rapidly. Her hands and feet were always cold, showing a very poor circulation and condition of the blood.

About October 1, 1880, she applied at the office of Dr. Mrs. Keck, in Peoria, for advice and treatment, which she continued faithfully at home until the middle of December. She made several visits to Mrs. Keck's office in Peoria in the meantime to obtain necessary directions and medicines and improved very much. Her voice was still gone, however, and still doubting, I took my wife to several physicians of eminence for examinations and opinions. They agreed with Dr. Mrs. Keck as to what the trouble was. Some of them said there is very little hope, while others said there was none (for recovery.) So Mrs. Watson went with Mrs. Keck and remained at her infirmary five weeks. In two weeks her voice was restored to its original strength and tone. I met her in Peoria, on January 25, and heard her speak loud for the first time in eight months. Her health is very much better in every way. It has paid us well to follow Mrs. Keck's advice, although we had very little faith at first. If any one doubts the above they may correspond with me at Glassford, Illinois. W. V. WATSON.

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So said the mate of the "Grosvenor," when relating the incidents of an Atlantic cyclone, after nearly all the crew had mutinied and left the ship in boats to escape punishment.

Mechanics who labor upon lofty buildings; carpenters, masons, painters and bricklayers, may be called a kind of shore sailors, and that their numbers are not more largely decimated by accident and disease is a marvel. Mr. Jabez Rogers, tuck pointer, house painter, etc., of No. 608 Madison street, Chicago, over a pipe and autumn fire, said to your correspondent:

"No, I am only a young man yet—thirty-five, that's all, but the kind of work I do tells on a fellow's looks and constitution. Last Spring I was about run down with overwork and exposure. I had to give up doing any work myself, and just made out to oversee my men in a sort of half-and-half way. I thought I was played out for good and all. I was racked with a cough, stupefied with a cold, and torn and disabled with Rheumatism. I took PARKER'S TONIC and it cured me. Those three words tell the story—it cured me.

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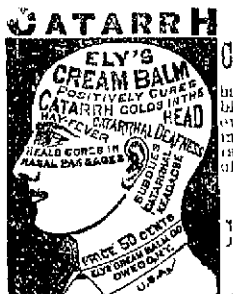

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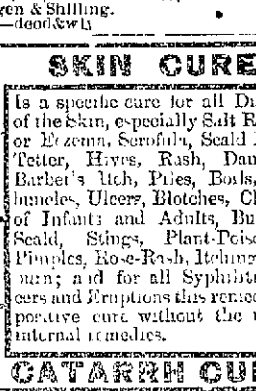

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Sleeping-Car Expenses.

[Elevated Railway Journal.]

The sleeping-car system which began in so limited a manner has reached a magnitude of which few have any idea. From the Atlantic to the Pacific these combinations of speed and comfort are in operation, and the adoption of convenience to limited space shows no small degree of ingenuity. One of the principal expenses of the sleeping-car is the laundry bill. At Boston the monthly wash list includes 6,000 pieces of linen, and the bill is of corresponding amount. Each car contains twenty-four berths, and its outfit includes 100 sheets, 100 pillow slips, thirty hand towels, and ten roller towels. The entire equipment of the Pullman company includes 50,000 sheets, 46,000 pillow slips, 16,000 hand towels and 6,000 roller towels. The company also uses about 18,000 blankets. A sleeping-car is emptied and cleaned as soon as it reaches its destination, and the soiled linen immediately sent to the laundry. The Pullman company washes and repairs its blankets in the cities where the principal offices are situated.

The Wagner company, however, sends theirs to be cleaned at the mills in Pittsfield, Mass., where they were made. The total equipment of the Wagner company is 4,000 woolen blankets, 13,851 linen sheets, 12,202 pillow slips, 5,740 hand towels, and 2,317 roller towels. The aggregate expense of keeping the beds of this company clean amounts to about $2,000 to $3,000 a month, or $30,000 a year, while the Pullman company is $9,000 to $10,000 a month, notwithstanding the reduction of cost to the lowest possible point. Sheets are washed for a cent and a half apiece, and pillow-slips and towels for 1 cent each.

An addition to other expenses is that of providing the sleeping-cars with combs, brushes, whisk brooms, feather dusters, soap, and other toilet articles, and this item is largely increased by the incessant thefts committed by passengers. It is not an uncommon thing for an apparent gentleman after using a hand towel to slip it into his pocket, and if detected, why, "he mistook it for his kerchief."

On Marking Books.

[Boston Courier.]

The man, for instance, who really respects his books, treating them as friends if not as superiors, would regard as nothing less than sacrilege the means by which certain tough-skinned readers help themselves to the ends they desire. It would be as impossible for him to dog's-ear the leaves, pencil the margins, break the backs or make a scrap-book of the blank pages, as to "peep and botanize upon his mother's grave." He could no more deface with foul marks the fair, white pages of the volume whose guest he became, as it were, by being allowed to peruse it, than he could bring dishonor upon the house of his human entertainer, whose wine he had drunk. The reader who scores the passages which attract his attention is to him a Goth, a Vandal, or whatever outer barbarian may be even worse than these redoubtable destroyers.

The student is very little better off for having pencil-marks against passages which have pleased him at first reading; he has simply indulged a childish desire to express his gratification, and might as well clap his hands or stamp his foot as to dab a black scratch down the clean margin of the page before him. Of the hundred people who mark books, it is safe to say that 99 per cent have no purpose in the custom beyond such an outbreak of pleasure or dislike.

The Gas Was Still Going.

[Chicago Herald.]

A certain actress, whose home is in this city, has her suites of rooms, and when not on the road lives in charming domesticity and warms her cup of tea over a gas stove. She had turned on the blaze the other morning and was preparing for her breakfast, when a messenger delivered a dispatch commanding her to join her company out of town at once. She saw by a glance at her watch that she had fifteen minutes to make a train. She hastily set about preparing, and, locking her door, passed out into the street. The bridge was in her favor, and she made the train. She was gone three weeks. When she returned a few days ago and entered her room the gas was going at a full head. She remembered then that she had in her hurry gone away without turning it off and without getting her breakfast. It is a pity for her three weeks' salary that the gas company will send in a bill to offset it.

He Got Them.

[Exchange.]

Master Fred Fenton fell from the topmost limb of an apple tree. He was picked up and carried to the house in an insensible condition.

After watching at his bedside through many weary hours, his mother perceived signs of returning consciousness.

Leaning over him she asked him if there was anything she could do for him, now that he was beginning to feel better.

Should she bathe his forehead? Should she fan him or change his pillow? Was there anything he wanted?

Languidly opening his eyes and looking at her, the little sufferer said:

"Yes, mamma, I want a pair of pants with a pocket behind!"

He got them.

Our Measures of Time.

[St. Paul Pioneer Press.]

Our measures of time have really survived a dozen civilizations. The hour of sixty minutes and the day of twice twelve hours are relics of the Babylonish duodecimal system, in which twelve counted the moon's periods. The 360 degrees invisibly marked on the earth's great circle come, too, from the Orient. There are good reasons, if we are going to be empirical in the matter of time, to be so in another, and reduce the day's time to decimal hours, minutes and seconds.

Inter Ocean: Paper gas pipes are the pipes of the future. They are cheaper, more durable, and being poor conductors of heat and cold, the gas is far less likely to freeze.

Christmas at Argenta.

EDITORS REPUBLICAN:—The Christmas entertainment held at the Argenta hall was quite successful in every respect. The hall was overcrowded, not being near seating capacity. However fair order prevailed under the circumstances. The "Merry Christmas Bells" was well rendered by the school. Prayer was offered by J. J. McKirahan, then singing by the school, after which an address by J. J. McKirahan, followed by a rousing song, after which the distribution of presents began only to be disturbed by the entrance into the hall of Santa Claus through a window. Old Santa needed a fire extinguisher, as his flowing white beard caught fire; however, it proved a small loss and everything went on merrily. The children received with outstretched hands the good big sacks of candy he had for them. We do not remember to have ever seen more useful presents given than were given on said occasion, such as clothing especially. The poor were remembered, showing that the teaching of the children in a Sunday school propagates good deeds to the needy and similar good traits of the human heart. Quite a number of valuable presents were received, such as watches, chains, bracelets, necklaces, vases, albums, &c. A poem by Mr. John Garver was well rendered during a recess, followed by ten little girls who gave an exercise mostly of their efforts. The distribution of presents was then continued. The trees which were more than loaded being relieved of their beautiful fruit, the exercises closed with songs. We should have added that the Christian Graces, Faith, Hope and Charity, were well represented by the Misses Ida Ogden, Edna Welton and Eva Combs. "The greatest of these is charity" was proven upon said occasion by the bestowal of good gifts. A slight panic was occasioned by one of the supports giving away from beneath the floor to support it from the great weight. However, all kept cool heads and no damage was done and no doctor fees followed; the escape from the latter calamity caused much joy. The floor will hereafter be supported by iron pillars and made secure. Farewell, Santa Claus, farewell, bountiful Christmas trees; may your fruits be as good seed sown in good places, keeping in pleasant recollection the good time of Christmas eve, Dec. 24, 1883. Farewell and come again. Happy all Christmas tide.

UNCLE SANTA.

Price of California Lands and Lots.

Thos. M Dawson, a Decatur boy has located at Santa Rosa, California, where he is engaged in business. He is a member of the real estate firm of Boswell, Dawson & Co, Santa Rosa, which firm has a column advertisement in the *Republican* of that town, offering high-priced property for sale. The prices of the various pieces of city and country property are quoted as follows. $4,500 for 69 acres sandy loam; $14,000 for 113 acres and stock 2 miles from town; $4,000 for 25 acres; $15,000 for 689 acres 10 miles from Santa Rosa; $8,500 for 82 acres, 4 miles distant; $4,500 for 10 acres near town with good house, 200 French prunes, 195 peach trees, 308 pear trees, 27 apple, 5 pear, etc.; $21,650 for 216 acres 8 miles from R. R. depot, lots of fruit; $2,000 for ranch of 15 acres, $7,500 for 80 acres 5 miles from Santa Rosa; $2,500 for 25 acres, 5 miles distant; $1,000 for house and lot; $3,000 ditto; $850 ditto; $3,500 for 3½ acres within five blocks of the plaza, embracing small house, 1¼ acres choice fruit—big bargain; $9,000 for mountain ranch of 328 acres, 8 miles distant; 10 acres of vineyard 15,000 bearing vines, 300 sheep, 9 head of cattle, 15 hogs, chickens and utensils generally. Tom writes to renew his subscription, and says he cannot possibly get along without the REPUBLICAN.

Cheerful Words from Mr. Ash.

EDITORS REPUBLICAN:—By your permission I answer a host of inquiries about Sumner county, Kansas. Reader, imagine yourself in a country with *lots of land all around you*—not hills, rocks, brush nor swamp land, but a beautiful rolling prairie with a rich, black loamy soil. Little more sand than old Macon soil. Macon grangers, look at that wheat, as green and fresh as yours in April. See those boys over there plowing for corn, Dec. 24th. "How high is dot?" Raw land is worth from twelve to twenty-two hundred dollars per quarter section, but in my judgment as good as old Macon land. Our market is splendid. A farmer can sell everything he produces at good figures. Corn is worth 30 cents; wheat, 70 to 75; potatoes, 50 to 60; hogs, 5 to 5¼; cattle, from 3 to 5; milch cows, $25 to $50 per head; money plenty; crops good; corn averaging 50 bushels per acre, wheat, 28 to 30 bushels per acre—in fact everything does well here but Democrat office seekers. They wont take in this country.

Messrs. Editors, send on the old REPUBLICAN. It keeps us posted on the changes in Macon county.

Yours, respectfully,
J. R. ASH.

Wellington, Dec. 24, 1883.

Niantic Notes.

Sleighing has been fine and the young people have improved the opportunity for several days past.

A minstrel troupe were egged out of town one night this week.

What's the matter with the young man who rushed off to Springfield one morning recently without his breakfast?

Mr. William Sponsler, of Oxford, Kas., was married to Miss Mary Kapp, of our village, on Christmas day, A. C. Foster officiating.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, Thursday evening, Dec. 27th, Mr. Jacob W. Davault and Miss Sarah E. Bush.

W. R. Kizer is the proudest, happiest man in town. If you want to know the reason why, just ask him something about that boy and see him smile.

U. R. RIGHT.

OUR most successful men are those who wear nice fitting clothes. Moral: Leave your measure with Fleury, the French Cutter. tf

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THE CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1883—Judge J. W. Wilkin Presiding.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET.

People vs. George Seargent; indicted for carrying concealed weapons; defendant recognized in the sum of $200 for his appearance for trial, with S. G. Washburn as surety.

People vs James Humphrey; disturbing the peace at Maroa; defendant recognized in $200, with John H. Crocker as security.

People vs. John Laugdon, Frank Miller and Charles Lolleston; indicted for riot on a Wabash train near Boody several weeks ago; each of the defendants recognized in the sum of $200, with G. D. Miller, Benj. A. Hull and James A. Piper as sureties.

GAMBLERS FINED.

Four local characters, indicted for gaming, appeared before the judge, and they pleaded guilty. They were all fined a total of $280 each and costs. The fourth gambler gave bail for his appearance for trial.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

Laverna Corcoran vs. W. W. Foster, appellant; appeal, trial by jury, pending.

Leroy Ralph vs. W. St. L. and Pacific Railway company; trespass on the case. Leave to file amendment to second count of declaration. Motion by plaintiff for continuance.

Joseph P. Smallwood vs. James Miller, assumpsit. Trial by jury. Verdict of jury, issues for plaintiff and damages assessed at $1,192.50. Judgment.

Theophilus E. Freyberger vs. William R. Whittaker et al; assumpsit. Trial by jury. Verdict of jury, issue for plaintiff and damages assessed at $409.27. Motion for new trial.

In the matter of the guardianship of Minnie Rhe et al; appeal. Dismissed by plaintiff.

Oliver Z. Green vs. Rachel K. Hamilton; assumpsit. Leave to withdraw demurrer to pleas, and leave to file replication to pleas.

Michael Rozzell vs. Indianapolis, Bloomington and Western Railway company; trespass. Continued for service.

Pitts Agricultural works vs. James McQuality; assumpsit. Defendant defaulted and judgment rendered for $321.30.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Henrietta Gepford and Ann M. Heiser vs. Sarah Fisher et al; chancery. Appearance of Charles Martin entered by J. M. Clokey. Proof of bill made on non-resident defendants, and J. M. Clokey appointed guardian ad litem.

William A. Messnard vs. Alice Messnard; divorce. Bill charged adultery and desertion. Decree pro confesso. Decree granted on ground of desertion, and plaintiff ordered to pay costs.

Samuel Davis vs. Hester Davis; divorce. Bill alleged desertion and adultery. Decree pro confesso. Decree granted on ground of desertion and plaintiff given custody of children.

Ex parte, Susannah Frantz et al; partition. Report of Master approved on a decree. Jabob Hess, Landis and John L. Kuhns appointed commissioners.

George Williams vs. Diantha Williams; divorce. Decree pro confesso.

Lydia Craig vs. Isophena Craig et al; chancery. Report of commissioners approved and decree granted.

FRIDAY, DEC., 28—AFTERNOON.

After disposing of business on the docket last evening Judge Wilkin adjourned court until Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1884, at 8:30 a. m.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET.

People vs. Dennis Sullivan; keeping open tippling house. Dennis Sullivan gave bond in the sum of $500 for his appearance for trial, with M. K. Carroll as surety.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

William Lindsay vs. Arthur Graham et al, administrators estate of Hugh Mooney, deceased; trespass on case. Dismissed at costs of plaintiff.

Enos B. Pratt vs. Thomas M. Dawson and Joseph M. Dawson; assumpsit. By agreement, trial by court. Judgment against Thomas Dawson for $96.10. Judgment in favor of Joseph M. Dawson for costs.

Francis E. Bryant, appellant vs. Faries and Oakes; appeal. By agreement, trial by court, pending.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Nicholas Reavely vs. H. Bauer et al; chancery. Evidence heard by court.

On January 18th, the criminal cases will be called up for trial.

Nearer to Nature.

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Banks and Banking.

WASHINGTON, Jan 2.—Chairman Buckner has appointed J Linn Ladd of Missouri clerk of the banking and currency committee.

LEGISLATION.

The Evening Star has the following "A Star reporter submitted to Mr Buckner, chairman of the House committee on banking and currency, a Washington special clipping from the New York Tribune of Sunday to the effect that before he was appointed he made a promise to the speaker in substance that he would do 'nothing hostile to the financial interests of the country, and that, notwithstanding this promise, he (Buckner) is busy preparing bills which look to the early destruction of the national banking system."

A DENIAL.

After reading it over, Mr. Buckner returned the clipping, with the remark. "I had no talk with the speaker about what I should do or should not do, or anything else in regard to my appointment. He never asked my views, nor did he have anything to say to me on that subject. There is no truth in that statement, nor am I preparing any legislation hostile to the national banks I have a bill which is intended to meet the emergency that confronts us by the issue of treasury notes."

"What emergency do you refer to?" inquired the reporter.

"Why," he replied, "the redemption of the three per-cent bonds necessarily contracts the currency. These bonds, at least two-thirds of them, are deposited by national bankers as security for their circulation. The circulation of these banks will be retired, and don't you see that will contract the currency? Now my plan is to issue treasury notes in place of national bank circulation thus retired, and in that way prevent any contraction of the currency I simply propose to meet the exigency that is upon us, and do not mean anything hostile to the national banks.

ANOTHER PLAN.

"Another plan, embodied in a bill introduced by Senator Sherman, is to permit national banks to issue a circulation equal to 90 per cent. of the market value of the bonds, instead of as now, 90 per cent. of the face value. That would, it is claimed, increase the currency by enlarging the circulation of the banks without increasing their deposited security, and would make the 4 per cent. bonds more desirable as a basis of circulation But in my opinion it would raise the premiums on the 4 per cents without attaining the end desired, which is to avoid a contraction of our currency by the retirement of millions of dollars of circulation

SHALL HAVE A HEARING

"However, I shall not propose any legislation without first consulting the national banks. They shall have a hearing before the banking and currency committee. I understand that the bankers' convention, recently in session at Louisville, appointed a committee on this subject, and I am anxious to hear what they have to propose If the national banks have any plan to avoid this inevitable contraction of the currency, I, for one, am willing to give it a hearing, and if it only meets the case to accept it. So far they have not proposed anything, and as legislation is necessary, I have prepared a bill, which I believe will prevent any trouble. I am not wedded to it, however, if anything better can be suggested"

Railway Mail Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan 2 —The Postmaster-General sent to Congress the report of the committee appointed to prepare an improved plan for carrying the mails on railroad routes The committee was composed of Gen Richard A Elmer, second assistant Postmaster-General, W. B. Thompson, General Superintendent of the railway mail service and Isaac C Slater, Superintendent of the railway adjustment

The committee finds that each decade has witnessed a doubling of the service, and if the present rates of increase and pay are maintained, the year 1900 will see a service by mail of at least 200 000 miles, with an annual cost of $5,000,000 When the system of weighing mails was first established, in 1867, the most astonishing inconsistencies were discovered in the matter of compensation At that time the mails were generally carried in baggage cars. It was found on fifteen lines receiving pay of $350 per mile that the daily service ranged from an average of more than 19,000 pounds on one line to less than 400 pounds on another; that is, one received the same rate for carrying a lesser amount than the other did for a greater. On roads receiving $150 per mile service ranged from 7,000 pounds to less than 300, while on roads where the fifty-dollar rate was paid the greatest average daily service was 6 448 pounds, and the least twelve pounds

The act of 1872 brought, in a degree, order out of this confusion, in that it prescribed even rate pay for transporting a like daily average weight of mails, but on the vital point of frequency, speed and room in which to distribute the mails, there was but little advance to the previous law.

The committee proceeded to point out at great length the practical objections to the present law, and recommend several points of improvement which it is believed will remove all objections, and make the service as nearly perfect as may be.

Pensions for Mexican and Black Hawk Veterans.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Congressman Townshend of Illinois says that he has been making inquiries among members of the House concerning the prospects of the passage of the bill giving pensions to all the survivors of the Mexican war and the Black Hawk war, and he thinks the bill will be favorably reported by the House pensions committee. Gen. Tom Browne of Indiana is strongly opposed to the proposed bill, unless its provisions be limited to cases of actual disability resulting from wounds received or disease contracted in the service. If so limited there would be no opposition to its passage. There are many members of both parties in the House who agree with Gen. Browne, and who think it would be a dangerous and indefensible policy to pension men who served sixty days or more in the Mexican or Indian wars. They claim that it would logically lead to the pensioning of all the soldiers of the late war, and they do not believe that it is either safe or just to pension any class of able-bodied men simply because the class is comparatively small in number.

Gen. Sherman as a Bell Wether.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Critic to-day prints an interview with Mr. E. B. Smith, of Kansas, regarding the Republican candidate for the Presidency. Mr. Smith says, among other things, "I think Gen. Sherman would set our people wild for the Republican ticket. In fact, I know of no one who would be so generally supported as he I believe he would have no opposition for the nomination in Kansas. Mr. Arthur might get considerable strength there if it was worked up, but Blaine has Kansas unless the name of William Tecumseh Sherman is proclaimed; then there is no power that could check them; they would all go like sheep over a fence for him."

Greely Believed to be Safe.

WASHINGTON, Jan 2.—Capt. Pike, sailing master of the ill-fated Proteus, said yesterday that he thinks Lieut. Greely and his party are safe and will remain so until relieved next season He believes Greely has not left the signal station at Lady Franklin bay.

ACCIDENTS OF THE DAY

Life and Property Destroyed by Fire, Water and Explosives

Devastated by Fire.

GRAND RAPIDS, Jan. 2 —A Howard City special dated yesterday says: A fire broke out at 9 o'clock p. m. in Knapp's grocery and is still raging and spreading. Seventeen business houses are already burned, besides dwellings. Coburn's Exchange is threatened. The Grand Rapids steamer and men have been sent to aid them.

A later Howard City special says: Twenty-five buildings burned, about two-thirds of the business part of the town. Loss, $75,000, insurance $50,000. Both sides of Main street from the postoffice to the depot, except Coburns' Exchange, burned. The burned district will be rebuilt with brick at once.

Three Men Drowned.

VICKSBURG, Miss , Jan. 2.—The steam launch Nellie, employed in the government service at Wilson's Point, struck a snag while under headway yesterday morning, off Opossum Fork, about four miles above here, and sank almost immediately in fifty or sixty feet of water. W. J. Patterson, assistant engineer, and two laborers were drowned. Your correspondent has been unable to learn the names of the two men, but both were white men None of the bodies have been recovered There were seven men aboard at the time of the accident, two of whom were saved by the government steamer, which was near by, and two of them swam ashore. The launch will prove a total loss.

Works at that point are on the point of being shut down, the appropriation being exhausted

Fire at Carmi, Ill.

CARMI, Ill , Jan 2 —About ten o'clock last night a fire broke out in Pfister's saloon on Main street. Through the agency of a strong wind the fire rapidly swept up Main street, destroying two millinery shops, a harness shop, sewing-machine store and other small buildings. The City restaurant, situated below the saloon, was also burned. The hook and ladder company, aided by the citizens, finally gained control of the fire and prevented some of the best buildings the town affords from burning The loss is great, but cannot now be estimated.

Skull Fractured.

WILMINGTON, Del , Jan 2 — Winfield Heister, of Heister, McBride & Co , coppersmiths, had his skull fractured yesterday by the explosion of a copper kettle formerly used to hold nitro glycerine, some of which remained in the hollow handle. When held over the fire it exploded

Cotton Mill Burned.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 2 —Thorn- & company's new cotton mill at Thorndyke burned. C. Wilson, the company's agent, fell dead of heart disease while on the roof fighting the flames. The loss is $50,000

Fire at Covington, Ga.

ATLANTA, Ga , Jan 2.—A fire at Covington, Ga , Monday night destroyed property to the value of $30,000, small insurance. The court-house was destroyed, but the records were saved.

Sudden Death of Mrs. Chas. Phinney.

ALTON, Ill., Jan 2.—Mrs. Charles Phinney, Sr., of this city, dropped dead from heart disease in Bunker Hill Monday evening while on her way from the depot to a friend's. She left here on the evening train for Bunker Hill apparently in her usual health The remains were brought here last evening for interment She leaves a husband and two sons, Charles, Jr , and Henry Phinney.

The Keyes of Unity.

CLAREMONT, Jan. 2 —Edward Keyes, who died in Unity, N. H , a few days ago, left to the school district of that town $12,000, all of his property except forty-five dollars, which he gave to his only daughter.

Snow, Snow, Snow

ST. LOUIS, Jan 2.—The heaviest snow of the season fell here yesterday and last night. Advices from diverse points show that the storm was general and wide spread.

MORE TROUBLE FOR THE BOND FAMILY.

Abner Bond, the Uncle of Miss Emma Bond, Commits Suicide by Hanging.

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., Jan. 2.—Mr. Abner Bond, a highly respected citizen, committed suicide by hanging, in his barn-loft at five o'clock yesterday afternoon. He lived just out of the city limits and was in good circumstances. He leaves a wife and five children. He paid a number of small accounts around town during the afternoon and about 2 P. M. bought a small cotton rope at Milligan's store and started home. When he got home, he swept the snow off the porch and then went to the barn. About five o'clock he was discovered by the hired hand, who went up to the loft to throw down some hay. He was a valuable citizen, as he had been supervisor for six or eight years, and was charitable to the poor and courteous to all whom he had dealings with. No particular cause is given for the suicide. He is a cousin of A. D Bond father of Miss Emma Bond; is fifty years old; was born in Bradford county, O., and resided in this county thirty years.

A BLOODY FIND.

Philip Caspar, a Pauper, Cuts His Throat With a Corn Knife.

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning early Steward W. J. Magee in charge of the Macon county poor farm buildings found one of the paupers, Philip Caspar, the well known German butcher, lying cold and dead in the corn-crib on the place His throat had been cut with a corn knife that had been left in the crib, and it was found near the feet of the suicide He had bled to death, and had evidently been dead five or six hours. The paupers at the farm know that Caspar got out of his bed last evening after retiring for the night, and was tramping about mumbling to himself as was his custom until after 12 o'clock, when the walking ceased and it was supposed that he had returned to his bed. But instead of doing this, he had gone to the corn crib and ended his troubles by taking his own life the first day of the new year.

The suicide was well-known to our people, some of whom had given him the name of the "crazy butcher" He was a tall, fierce looking man, with long black hair and beard, and while at liberty he went about early and late wearing greasy clothes and haunting butcher shops and slaughter houses. He frequently quarreled with small boys on the streets and has been in the local courts on several occasions. He was finally taken to the poor farm, about two months ago. His age was 63. He has no relatives in this section.

Coroner Bendure was notified of the suicide of Caspar, and this afternoon that officer went out to the poor farm to hold the inquest.

DIED

At Monticello, on Sunday morning, Dec 23, 1883, WILLIAM J HANKS of dropsy.

The deceased, was the oldest son of John Hanks, of this place who was born in Grayson county, Ky , in the year 1821 and consequently was 62 years of age He came to this county when a small boy, where he has resided until a few years ago when he moved into Piatt county, near Monticello He has been afflicted with asthma his whole life up to a few weeks before he died when dropsy seemed to take the place of his other ailments and a week before he died he left his home with the intention of coming to his friends here, but when he had got as far as Monticello his strength gave out and he went to a hotel where he died. His remains were brought to this place and buried in Boiling Springs Cemetery

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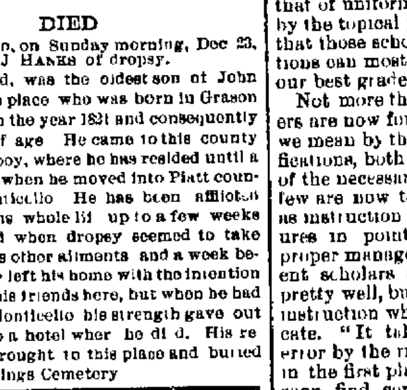
Dr. Price's SPECIAL



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Dated this 31st day of December 1883

ANNA A. WARREN,

Administratrix of the estate of Ella F. Scribner

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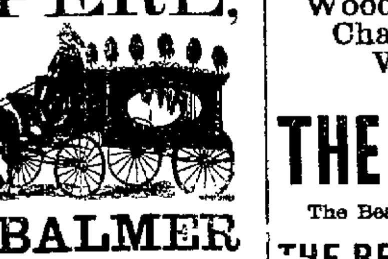

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COUNTRY SCHOOL NOTES

Jots from the Pen of Supt Trainer—The Teachers' Meeting.

The Springfield meeting proved a success as far as the attendance and interest were concerned. A good delegation from the county was present. It is stated that more teachers went from Decatur than from any city outside of Chicago.

A majority of the schools closed one week for holidays A goodly number, however, took but one day as holiday.

The old plan of "looking out for treat" has almost disappeared from our rural districts. But one case is reported for this school year.

There has been several resignations thus far, but they were immediately filled.

The entertainment and the oyster supper are still doing a good work in the way of supplying good reading for certain districts.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting will convene at 1 p m on Saturday, Jan. 5, 1884. The following is the programme:

Study of Manual for January, John F. Wicks.

Supplementary Reading, Nellie I. Hendricks.

Geography, Mr. J. N Donahey and Mr. J A. Smith.

Essay, Mrs Dresbach.

Civil Government, Mrs Charles T. Powner.

General remarks by all.

All are invited to attend, especially those teachers who need helps for January.

All teachers asked to take the monthly examinations now do so except *one.*—These are not compulsory, and none are required to take them, but all were asked to give them a fair trial, and if found derogatory, they were expected to drop them. A careful canvass of the question shows that those persons who have used them longest have succeeded best, and now are most enthusiastic over them. Another fact worthy of notice is that of uniform methods of study forced by the topical plan It is also self evident that those schools taking these examinations can most successfully compete with our best graded schools

Not more than *thirty* indifferent teachers are now found in our schools What we mean by this is a lack of proper qualifications, both naturally, and from a want of the necessary text-book knowledge. A few are now teaching fair schools so far as instruction is concerned, but are failures in points of good judgment and proper management A few very indifferent scholars are pleasing their patrons pretty well, but lay a foundation of wrong instruction which will take years to eradicate. "It takes longer to supplant an error by the right than to learn the right in the first place" May the poor teacher soon find some other calling But this will never be attained so long as we have not better material to give the schools

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SPRING OF 1884.

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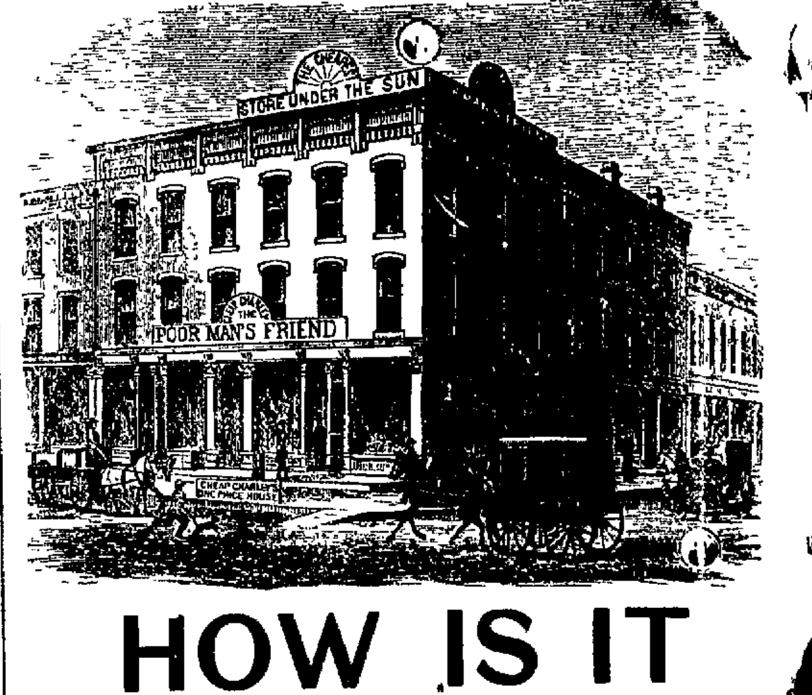

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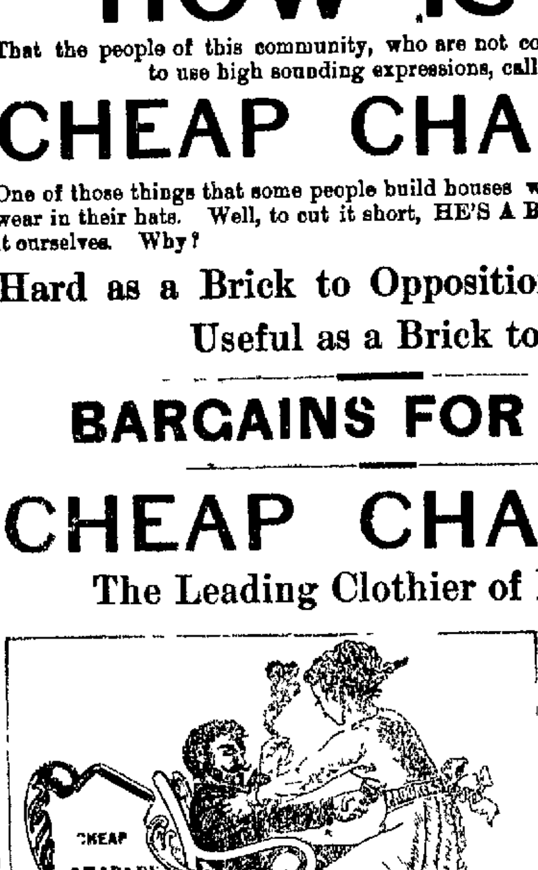

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